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Howard to privatise up to ten more prisons



Howard: wants "mixed economy" for jails

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

■ A threat of industrial action by prison officers and criticism from governors will be provoked by government plans, yet to be announced, to privatise up to ten more prisons

DESPITE last week's highly critical report by Judge Stephen Tumim on the privately run Wolds remand prison, Michael Howard, the home secretary, will announce this week plans for the privatisation of more jails in England and Wales.

As part of the government's drive to inject competition into the penal system, up to ten prisons are to be listed for privatisation. The push to bring more private security firms into running Britain's 130 jails is to be phased in over some time to ensure that the service and private sector can cope with the demands of the changes.

Prison governors said last night that there had been speculation within the service that Hull, Preston, Liverpool and Wandsworth jails were candidates for contracting out. "I think they will go for medium-size jails. They will want to move cautiously as this is a delicate area with the potential for things to go wrong," one governor said.

The announcement on Thursday will be criticised by penal reform groups, prison officers and prison governors who strongly oppose the government's prison privatisation policy. Stephen Shaw, of the Prison Reform Trust, said last night: "The existing privatisation programme was presented as an experiment, yet the government is continuing with an accelerated programme before the results have been properly analysed."

It will also trigger demands within the Prison Officers' Association for industrial action because overcrowding is again threatened by a steady increase in the jail population to 45,000. The union has demanded a three-year moratorium on further privatisation and its executive has been mandated to hold a ballot on industrial action in the event of moves to put out to tender the running of more prisons.

Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, condemned the Wolds jail, run by Group 4, for offering a regime of "corrupting lethargy" to the 306 inmates. Remand prisoners cannot be forced to take part in education, work or recreation.

The home secretary is convinced that greater competition is needed within the service to improve standards and to increase efficiency. He is said to have been impressed by much of Judge Tumim's report, which praised staff and their attitudes.

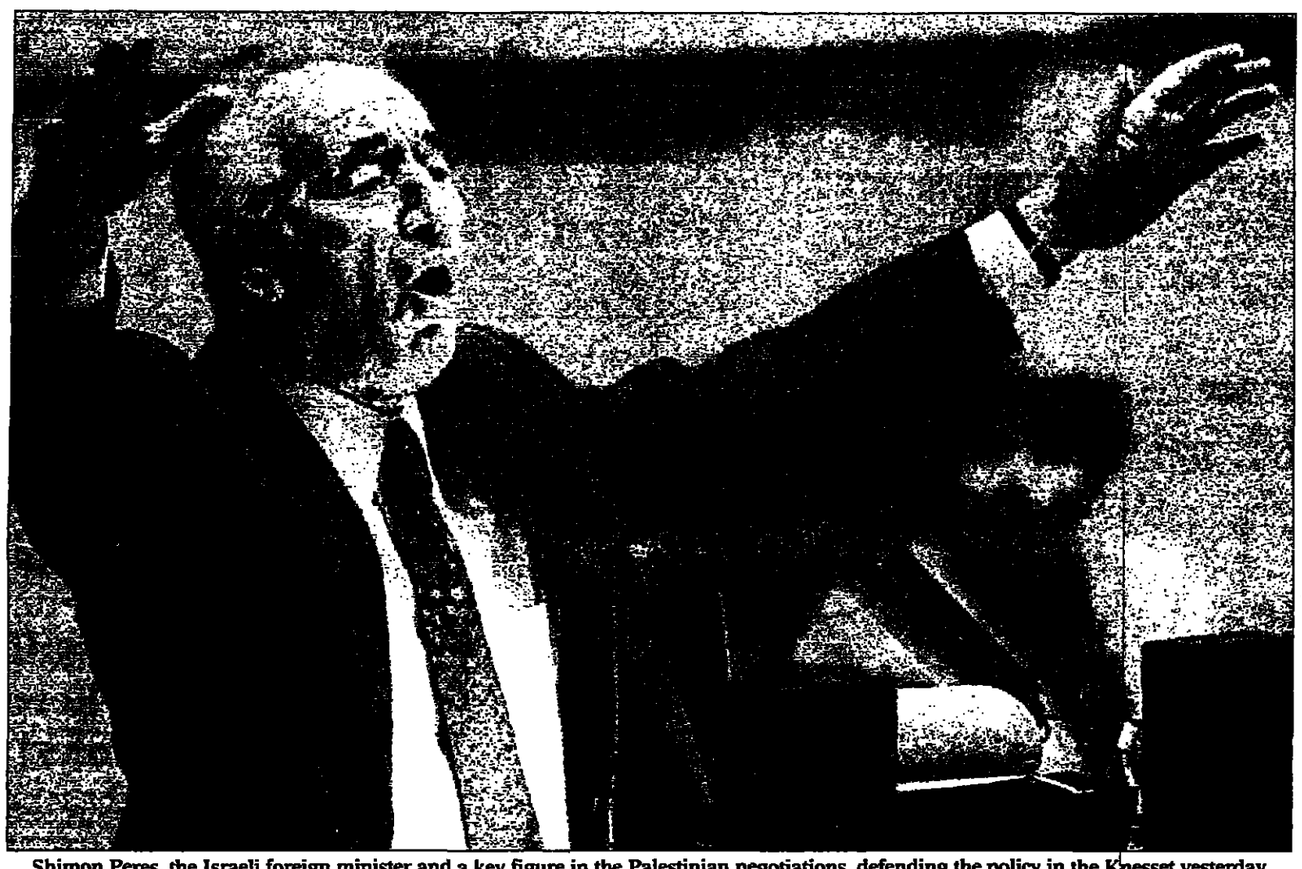
He will outline the next phase of the privatisation programme, including some establishments to be market-tested. Tenders would be invited from private companies and the prison service; Mr Howard wants to continue towards a "mixed economy" in which the public and private sectors complement one another and compete against each other. The government, however, has ruled out privatising whole regions of the service or clusters of jails. Standards vary so widely between jails that it would be impossible to arrange regional privatisation.

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Peres tells Likud hardliners: 'You are the men of yesterday; we want to live in peace'

Israel's PLO deal enrages radicals

BY BENJAMIN LYNFIELD IN JERICHO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF



Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister and a key figure in the Palestinian negotiations, defending the policy in the Knesset yesterday

ARAB and Jewish extremists yesterday launched a desperate attempt to sabotage the unprecedented deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation that is due to be announced today.

Angry Palestinian radicals sounded warnings of civil war and one threatened Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, with assassination. In Israel, right-wing extremists threw a grenade at a minister's house in protest at plans to give the Palestinians limited self-rule in the occupied lands, and more than 2,000 Jewish settlers demonstrated outside the prime minister's office as the Israeli cabinet met last night to approve the deal.

The package, worked out in secret meetings over the past two weeks, is expected to be put before the Middle East peace talks when they resume in Washington today. Officials hope that a declaration of principle will follow by tomorrow and that senior Israeli and PLO officials will go to the American capital to sign the pact within the week.

Under its terms, the Palestinians will be granted immediate autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the town of Jericho, and Israeli troops will withdraw from Palestinian population centres, although they will continue to protect Jewish settlers. Self-rule on the remainder of the West Bank is to follow later, but negotiations on the status of disputed Jerusalem will be deferred.

Mr Arafat yesterday described the deal as an historic turning point, while Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, brushed aside the opposition to declare: "The time has come to take a risk for peace". He told the Knesset: "We stand on the verge of a great opportunity. There is movement along the whole Arab front in readiness for peace. There are obstacles, but I'm convinced the horizons for peace are open."

But he faced stinging criticism from hardline opponents. Benjamin Netanyahu, the opposition Likud leader, said he was "going behind the back of the nation and setting up a bridgehead of a Palestinian state". Another Likud deputy, Yehoshua Matza, accused the government of depending on PLO supporters and said his party should incite the people to rebellion.

Shimon Peres, the foreign minister who was involved in the secret talks and is expected to go to Washington for the first official meeting with the PLO, retorted: "You are the men of yesterday. You are blind. We want to live with the Palestinians in peace. They are human beings just like us. We don't want to rule over them, we don't want to act towards them disgracefully or disrespectfully. They are not four-legged creatures."

As Israeli ministers braved the fiery session in the Knesset, Mr Arafat was also facing virulent criticism. Four radical Palestinian organisations in Beirut launched a campaign against the deal and demanded a general strike in the occupied territories today to demonstrate mass opposition to the Washington talks.

Ahmed Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, accused Mr Arafat of preparing to start a bloody civil war and openly threatened the PLO leader in a statement saying: "We are sure the vanguard of our people will not allow this conspiracy to pass. While reminding Arafat of the fate of Sadat and others, we remind him that he personally and those who are with him are to pay the price. Tomorrow is never far away." President Sadat of Egypt was assassinated in 1981 after signing a peace deal with Israel.

Another group declared: "We want liberation of the whole of Palestine, not just part of it", and a third described the "Gaza-Jericho First" plan as a catastrophe for Palestinians and generations of Muslims.

Doubts were also expressed in Syria and Jordan, as Mr Arafat embarked on a tour of Arab countries to explain the deal. In Syria, the government newspaper *Tishrin* opposed the proposals, saying: "Partial solutions do not bring about the aspired-for peace in the region", and Jordanian officials said the kingdom had serious security concerns.

In Jericho, however, residents were confused but hopeful. "Maybe it's the beginning of peace," one grocer said. "Maybe it's something good."

Mr Arafat is rumoured to be planning to move from Tunis to set up his headquarters in Jericho, and local people were swift to point to a large house under renovation. Nissim Zvilli, secretary general of Israel's ruling Labour party, said Israel was likely to allow such a move and would even accord the PLO leader army protection.

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ITV plan to move news is revived

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
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ITV executives are to revive their controversial proposals to move *News at Ten* to an early-evening slot in spite of the political furore the plans aroused when they were first leaked last June.

In an act of defiance against the prime minister, who took the highly unusual step of intervening in television schedules by trying to block the move, Marcus Plantin, director of the ITV Network Centre, said yesterday: "John Major seems to think it is his job to write the ITV schedule. But that's my job."

Nearly 100 MPs from all parties signed an early-day motion in June supporting the prime minister's view, but ITV's ruling council — consisting of the chief executives of the 15 ITV companies — have now put the issue back on the agenda for the next meeting in September.

Mr Plantin told leading figures in broadcasting at the international television festival in Edinburgh that the proposed move would entail a reshaping of ITV's peak-time schedule as popular drama, soaps, regional programmes and films were rearranged to fit around an early-evening *news programme*.

"At the moment there's a sort of corset with fixed points in the schedule. If you want a range of programmes, then maybe you have to move some of those fixtures," he said.

Mr Major wrote to the head of the Independent Television Commission, which regulates ITV companies, to protest about the proposal to move *News at Ten* from the position it has occupied for 25 years.

Although the programme regularly attracts audiences of eight million, ITV often loses up to 10 per cent of its audience share to Channel 4 and BBC1 once the news starts. Moving it to 6.30pm, for example, would enable the network to show uninterrupted films and

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US shock troops raid UN house in Aidid blunder

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

IN A spectacularly bungled operation, American special forces soldiers yesterday arrested United Nations employees in Mogadishu and blew up buildings in error.

Attacking what they imagined was a command centre of the Mogadishu warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid in a night-time airborne raid, they trussed up and detained eight United Nations employees. The building belonged to the United Nations. A US spokesman said that their intelligence had indicated it was used by Aidid.

Using techniques favoured by Britain's Special Air Service, 50 black-bereted Rangers, possibly backed by the US anti-terrorist unit Delta Force, abseiled from 14 helicopters and threw stun grenades into a compound run by the UN Development Programme.

The building, clearly marked with a UN flag and a sign on the door, was badly damaged as the troops kicked down doors, blasted out windows, and destroyed communications equipment. During the assault, which began at about 3am, the soldiers destroyed two walls round a compound run by Save the Children Fund (UK).

The Rangers, who arrived last week, had been sent as part of President Clinton's promise to take "appropriate action" against those responsible for the deaths of four US soldiers in a landmine explosion on August 8.

Three expatriate UN workers, an Irishman, a Canadian and a man from Belize, had their hands bound during the raid and were detained with five Somalis working for the UNDP. They were named as Larry DuBois, Tony Miller and Maurice O'Donnell, the UNDP's chief communications officer, who is Irish. All were later released.

Major David Stockwell, an American military spokesman for the UN in Somalia, described the operation as "a textbook example of how these operations should go", using "lightning speed and overpowering force". The detained workers, he said, were in an "unauthorized building".

The raid was described by aid workers as a blunder and an own goal. Steve Rifkind, director of Save the Children Fund, said that "now we just sit back and watch for the next blunder. One wonders who will be next".



Science can put the spin into sport

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IN WHACKING a golf ball over 400 yards, it don't mean a thing if you ain't got science. And when producing a soccer banana shot, remember Isaac Newton and the falling apple.

Golf drives which soar undreamt-of distances, soccer free-kicks which curve more then anything Garrincha produced — even table tennis shots which loop the loop — are all possible if sportsmen apply scientific principles, a physicist claimed yesterday.

Table tennis players could in theory make a ball loop the loop up to three times, Brian Delf, education director of the Techniquest science centre in Cardiff, told the British Association science festival at Keele University.

Dr Delf, formerly of the physics department at the university of Cardiff, and an avid table tennis player, admitted that advances in bat technology might be necessary to produce the effect. "If you put bottom spin on the ball, you get lift. If you have enough lift, you can get it up so high you could get the ball to go round in a loop," he said. Claiming that new sporting heights could be achieved if sportsmen saw science as an ally, he said that "banana kicks" work on the same principle as cannon-fire. In curving the ball, he said, players were unwittingly echoing experiments made by an English gunnery officer called Robbins, who harnessed the swerving effect of a spinning sphere in the air.

"I wish to link science and sport because they are so often treated independently," he said. "In my experience, increased scientific understanding has had little impact on sporting performance."

Technology, he said, could allow a golf ball to gain so much lift and spin that it could travel more than 400 yards instead of the present 250. But science has limits. Dr Delf admitted that why a cricket ball swings more at high tide in Swansea than at low tide was still a mystery. More research might be needed.

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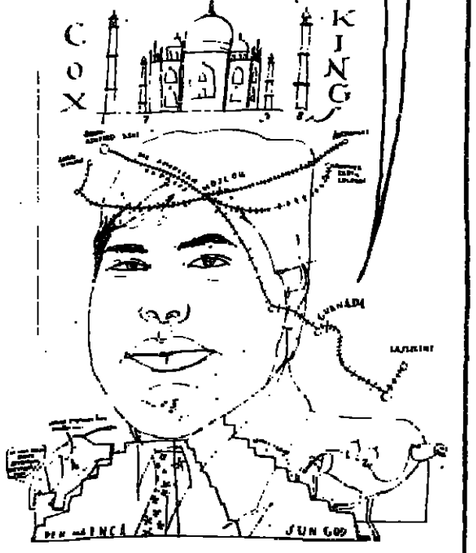
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Major may lose top Tories as electoral boundaries change

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major may lose some senior Tory loyalists — and a few "bastards" — because of changes to the parliamentary map at the next general election.

The list of likely casualties grows almost weekly as the Boundary Commission publishes recommendations for reshaping constituencies to reflect shifts in populations.

Senior Conservatives under threat so far include: Sir George Young (Ealing Acton), the housing minister; Sir John Wheeler (Westminster North), the Northern Ireland security minister; Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough), financial secretary to the Treasury; Nicholas Soames (Crawley), the food minister; Dame Janet Fookes (Plymouth Drake), deputy speaker; Graham Bright (Luton South), Mr Major's parliamentary aide; Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire), the schools minister; Sir Derek Spencer (Brighton Pavilion), Solicitor General; and Tristan Garel-Jones (Watford), the former minister for Europe.

They must choose between sticking with their existing constituencies in the hope of a strong swing to the Conservatives on polling day, trying to find another seat or standing down.

Mr Dorrell, a rising star at the Treasury, is understood to be eager to shift from his Loughborough seat, which becomes highly marginal under the changes, to the new Leicestershire seat of Charnwood.

The prime minister may be less distraught at the disappearance of Norman Lamont's Kingston constituency and the threat to John Carlisle, the outspoken Tory MP, in Luton North.

For a few MPs, the changes bring relief by making their marginal seats much safer at the next election.

Glenda Jackson, who snatched Hampstead and Highgate from the Tories with a majority of 1,440, stands a far better chance of holding it for Labour if the commission's provisional recommendations go through. Peter Bottomley, the former transport minister, also looks safer in his seat of Eltham, which he held last year with a majority of 1,666.

Mr Major is not immune from the changes as he loses several thousand Tory voters from his Huntingdon seat, which, with an electorate of 92,913, was one of the largest constituencies at the last election. But, with a majority of 36,230, it is also one of the safest.

The main comfort for the prime minister is the creation of new seats in the Tory heartlands of the shire counties.

John Smith and Paddy Ashdown may lose senior MPs through the changes, but so far Labour and the Liberal Democrats have suffered less than Tories. Labour's senior legal affairs expert, John Fraser, is under threat in Norwood, and the reshaping of the Lothian seats badly affects Sir David Steel and Archy Kirkwood.

The changes are the result of the Boundary Commission's examination of the UK's 651 seats to equalise the number of voters in each constituency. The ideal electorate per seat would be 69,281.

The commission's inspectors, working on the 1991 census figures and striving to take account of local loyalties, have almost finished work on the shire counties. They are in the middle of dealing with disputes over changes to London, where the number of seats will be cut from 84 to 74 to take account of the drift of residents out of the capital.

The next stage will be the other large cities and Scotland, followed by the Welsh constituencies.

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SIMON WALKER

Two of the 1,600 police on duty and an onlooker from the carnival crowd, which was more than double the estimate. Eleven arrests were made

800,000 flock to Notting Hill's street party

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MORE than 800,000 people flocked to the Notting Hill Carnival in London yesterday. Chief Superintendent Richard Cullen, the police officer in charge of public safety for the event, said last night that 19 crimes had been reported and only 11 arrests made, mostly for drunk and disorderly behaviour.

As the crowd increased during the day to more than double the original estimate, the number of police deployed on the streets increased to 1,600, with another 1,200 in reserve.

Mr Cullen said he was elated that the carnival had been so peaceful. He said, however, that people had ignored police advice about avoiding crowded areas. "There have been incidents in which crowds have overturned police barriers to cross the carnival route, holding up the procession and stopping floats," he said.

Yesterday's procession included 45 floats on articulated lorries pumping out amplified music. It took 30 minutes to move 100 yards along many parts of the route.

Mr Cullen said the event organisers had provided only 55 stewards this year, which he said was "totally inadequate". "Police are left to pick up the public safety bill and the timetable becomes quite unrealistic," he said. "Static sound systems are supposed to close at 7.30pm and the judging by 6.30pm. We are left with floats ignoring the code of practice that we agreed in the carnival consultative committee and still following the route to reach the judging point well after the festival is supposed to finish."

Mr Cullen said more thought would have to be given to ensuring public safety next year. "We have not had any crush injuries in 28 years' of carnival, but the streets of north London are simply not made to take three quarters of a million people and heavy lorries at the same time."

Yesterday's peaceful event was a sharp contrast to previous years. In 1976 the carnival left 408 police injured and in 1987 there were 677 crimes committed, including a murder.

☐ A bank holiday bike ride ended in tragedy yesterday when Ian Collins, 19, died after his motorcycle spun out of control in a country lane and crashed into a tree. Mr Collins, an estate agent, was killed instantly when he was hurled from his bike in Eversley, Hampshire.

Two holidaymakers on a tandem pedal cycle were killed when they collided with a lorry on the A591 at Shenstone near Kendal, Cumbria. The lorry driver was unhurt.

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Howard speaks out against vigilantes

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE home secretary, Michael Howard, yesterday said the public must help the police, but warned people against taking the law into their own hands to deal with alleged offenders.

"We do not want vigilantes but we do want vigilance. That is the key distinction," Mr Howard said.

He said the government wanted citizens who were prepared to to help the police in ways that were legitimate.

Public confidence in the ability of the police, government and courts to combat rising crime has forced the Conservative party on to the defensive on law and order. A recent opinion poll showed that three out of four people believed vigilantes were sometimes justified, only 9 per cent said they saw justice being done in sentencing and 77 per cent thought sentences were too light.

The findings will cause concern within the Home Office, where ministers and officials, alarmed at outbreaks of vigilante activity, are seeking to channel public anger at rising crime into legitimate activities.

Mr Howard has already announced plans to increase the number of special constables and is looking at creating a network of parish constables who would liaise with police, citizens involved in protecting estates and private security groups in rural areas.

Mr Howard told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "We must help the police and we cannot expect to make progress in these matters if we leave everything to the police alone." There had to be a partnership between police and public in order to fight crime, he said.

Tony Blair, the Labour party's home affairs spokesman, told the same programme: "I do not think it is ever right to take the law into your own hands to uphold the law." He said the Gallup poll indicated the huge sense of frustration and despair underlying a lot of people's feelings towards the criminal justice system and towards rising crime.

"People do feel that it is not just the actual crime in the sense of the statistics of crime. It is the vandalism, the petty abuse, the problems that people face every day in their local communities. People feel a sense of helplessness about rising crime," he said.



Kydd: boycott will enter new phase

Timex staff vow to keep up protest

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TIMEX workers and their trade union leaders yesterday promised to continue their campaign to boycott the company's products, despite the closure of the factory in Dundee.

The company had been expected to close the plant in October, and had been gradually laying off workers who replaced the original staff after they went on strike over pay and conditions. Instead, it closed the factory on Sunday night, and was accused of doing a "moonlight flit" by union leaders.

But John Kydd, district secretary of the AEEU engineering union, said it was better for the factory to close rather than be run by a "scab" labour force. "The TUC will be making an announcement soon about Timex. The boycott campaign will move into a new phase," he said.

Shop stewards from all of Timex's main international plants have been invited to Dundee for a conference to plan joint action.

The factory had been the scene of some of the most bitter picket-line violence since the miners' strike. Yesterday, only about 100 pickets gathered outside and there was no violence, although a van driver from a private security firm, who was the the only person to enter the plant, was the target of verbal abuse.

End of wages councils 'will hit taxpayers'

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government's abolition of wages councils will result in extra social security spending as badly paid workers become entitled to extra benefits, Labour said yesterday.

Frank Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, accused the government of killing off the councils as a reward to industries which gave money to Conservative party funds.

The councils, which had set minimum pay levels for 2.6 million people working in 26 trades such as retailing and catering, ceased to exist from yesterday.

Mr Dobson, in a letter to Michael Portillo, the Treasury's chief secretary, wrote: "This is a high price other people are paying for the Tory party rewarding the breweries and hotel companies who paid into Tory party funds and who demanded wages council abolition in return."

Mr Dobson said that when workers' wages were cut, "people already claiming benefit will become entitled to more benefit. Others who were previously entitled but did not claim will decide to do so. Others will become entitled for the first time.

"All this will cost the taxpayer money," he said.

ITV revives News at Ten plan

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dramas starting after the 9pm family viewing watershed.

It would also allow ITV to attract greater advertising revenue. Advertising air time during popular dramas such as *Peak Practice* sells at 90 per cent of the rate of advertising sold for the *News At Ten* commercial break.

A spokesman for the Independent Television Commission repeated its warning that ITV could not move *News at Ten* without its permission, and said that at least eight of the 15 regional companies could be in danger of breaching their franchise agreements if they did so. There seems little doubt among ITV companies and regulators, however, that the programme will move eventually.

ITV executives are likely to tread with some care on the issue. They are keen to obtain changes to the rules governing the ownership of commercial television companies, but are anxious not to alienate MPs.

☐ Sir John Harvey-Jones, who presented the BBC2 *Troubleshooter* series on business efficiency, yesterday gave his qualified support to BBC chiefs embroiled in arguments over changes being made to the corporation. He said it was "no good shooting the poor devils" trying to change things before the BBC Charter comes up for renewal in 1996.

CORRECTION

British Coal asks us to make clear that, contrary to a report of August 26, pit deputies cannot overrule managers on safety matters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister 'frightened' over BR sell-off

Labour last night accused John MacGregor, the transport secretary, of being frightened to expose private firms to competition from British Rail after privatisation. Brian Wilson, the Shadow transport minister, claimed this was the reason for the government's determination to reverse a House of Lords decision to allow BR to compete for rail franchises after the sell-off.

Mr Wilson wrote to him saying: "I am bound to wonder why you are so frightened of allowing the existing operators the right to even tender in the railway context."

Fire death cases closed

The parents of Beckie and Emma Harper, twin 17-year-olds killed in a barn fire at Uckington, Gloucestershire, have been told by the Crown Prosecution Service that the investigation into their deaths cannot be reopened. Three men were cleared of manslaughter charges after a jury was told that bales were accidentally set on fire.

Man missing at sea

An RAF helicopter and two lifeboats were searching last night for man aged 51 whose boat sank a mile off Barmouth, Gwynedd. According to a companion, he had removed his life jacket "so he could swim better". The survivor, a man aged 61, was picked up unharmed. The pair were in a 12ft cabin cruiser.

Trident sub in service

Britain's first Trident submarine left the VSEL shipyard in Barrow, Cumbria, yesterday for service with the Royal Navy. HMS *Vanguard* is the first of four nuclear armed vessels under construction. Workers and holidaymakers cheered as the vessel left the town's Devonshire dock. She is due to sail from the port on this morning's early tide.

Briton in Scrabble final

Mark Nyman, 26, of Leeds, was last night pitting his wits against Joel Wapnick of Canada for the world Scrabble title in New York. Gareth Williams, a 40-year-old computing lecturer from Cardiff, was competing for third place. The current UK national champion, Allan Saldanha, 15, of west London, came fifth.

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Old cars on mercy trip



Colin Bancroft, 60, from Stoke-on-Trent, and his sister Jacqueline Davies, 52, from Blackpool, are making a 2,800-mile round trip to Moscow in a 1935 Austin (right) with clothes and medicine for children with radiation from the Chernobyl disaster. Mr Bancroft said the Austin, the oldest of 80 vintage vehicles on the trip, just rattles along. "It ticks over so quietly people think the engine has stopped."

Five survive air crash

A pilot and his four passengers escaped with minor injuries when their light aircraft crash-landed on moorland. The Piper Saratoga was flying to Blackpool from Handbridge, Cheshire, on Sunday when the engine failed. Norman Bates, 46, brought the plane down near Belmont, Lancashire, where it bounced along the ground and through a fence.

Victory for Speelman

The British grandmaster Jon Speelman has won the Lloyds Bank Masters chess tournament, becoming the first player to win outright for two years running. In yesterday's final round he outplayed the grandmaster Glenn Flear to force resignation in 39 moves. Speelman finshed with 8½ points out of a possible 10.

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Making sure that all West Country beaches meet high water-quality standards will be expensive

Conservationists to sue over delays to coastline clean-up

BY LIN JENKINS

RAW sewage that pollutes some of the most popular beaches in the West Country will do so for years to come, according to conservationists who plan to take legal action to clean up the coastline.

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) believes the government is reneging on promises to clean bathing waters in line with EC standards because of the high cost.

They plan to bring a test case to force the regional water authority to act more quickly. Bill Foster, of the society, said: "Devon and Cornwall have more protected coastline by way of sites of special scientific interest and heritage coastline, yet the sewage treatment being put in place is still inadequate. The waters are of global importance, yet we are treating them as a cesspit."

The move comes days after Michael Saltmarsh, owner of one of Britain's five private beaches, launched a £1 million High Court action accusing South West Water of polluting Croyde Bay beach.

The political implications of water rates in Devon and Cornwall running at £450 by the year 2000, 70 per cent above the national average, have fuelled controversy in the West Country over who should fund the clean-up. The region has 700 kilometres of coastline and 300 kilometres of estuaries containing 134 of the 415 EC-designated beaches in England and Wales, yet has 3 per cent of the population.

South West Water believes it has a special case in asking for direct help in financing improvements to the Victorian infrastructure inherited at privatisation. However, John Major has indicated in a letter to Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat MP for West Cornwall, that the government is thinking of abandoning plans for full sewage treatment around the coast.

The MCS believes it has grounds under the 1990 Environmental Pollution Act to prosecute, thus forcing the government not to abandon the timetable of the clean-up programme, which was drawn up under the threat of prosecution by the EC for poor quality bathing water.

The society points to the National Rivers Authority (NRA) figures, which show that 23 beaches in Devon and Cornwall failed to meet the EC water quality standard this year compared to 17 last year. Another 26 have failed one water quality test this year. At Bude, the birthplace of British surfing, a long sea outfall installed last year has failed to ensure standard water quality. Chris Hines of the pressure group Surfers Against Sewage believes substantial improvement will be made only if the water authority does not have to foot the bill. "Millions of tonnes of raw sewage are discharged every day around this coast. We want government funding for this clean-up," he said.

On the beach, most holiday-makers judge the water by the cleanliness of the surroundings. Janet Martin, on holiday from Northampton with her husband John, said it was only the chilly breeze that kept her out of the sea. "I know it's very clean here," she said. "All the beaches in Cornwall are and I've never heard that it has failed the test." Behind her at the entrance to the beach was an NRA board giving details of this year's failures.

However, Keith Marshall, of Adventure International, which provides holidays for 6,500 children a year at Bude, said that his experience over 14 years shows water quality has improved.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, is to seek a meeting with the government on the issue after Mr Major's letter to Mr Taylor. "We will argue for the alternatives. There needs to be some direct Treasury input and it is highly dubious whether the prime minister can legally abandon a timetable for compiling with EC directives on water quality," he said.

The MCS has launched campaign Beachwatch 93, backed by *Reader's Digest*, and is recruiting hundreds of volunteers to clean beaches on the weekend of September 18 and 19. Surfers Against Sewage will also be taking part.

South West Water sympathizes with the campaigners, but points out that while users want the clean-up hastened, those paying the water rates are not so enthusiastic. "At privatisation we inherited 227 crude sewage outfalls. There was no coastal sewage treatment at all," Alan Smith, of South West Water, said. "We are meeting the deadline set by the government, but some people argue it is not enough."

Mr Major has suggested that the higher treatment standard demanded by the Urban Waste Water Directive might be deferred in view of water rates in the area running at 11 per cent above inflation.

South West Water's Clean Sweep programme is already costing £900 million and will see water rates of £450 a year, not allowing for inflation, by the end of the decade, without calculating for the cost of complying with the Urban Waste Water directives.

"The government sets the agenda and we are happy to comply. But the goalposts keep moving," said Mr Smith. "But the question of who pays is an issue which is becoming politically very significant in Devon and Cornwall."

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Carefree surfers at Bude, north Cornwall, birthplace of British surfing, where a long sea-outfall has not brought the required water quality

Widow wins legal aid to sue health chiefs over Aids drug

BY IAN MURRAY

SUE Threakall, widow of an Aids victim who died after being given the controversial drug AZT, has been granted legal aid for a test case against her local health authority for prescribing the drug.

However, Mrs Threakall said last night she was amazed the Legal Aid Board had refused to help her sue Wellcome, the company which developed and markets AZT.

"I am definitely going to appeal against that decision," she said. "It seems so short-sighted of the board to help me sue the people who prescribed the drug but not to help me seek compensation from the company which manufactured it, pushed it on to the market and made a profit out of it."

Mrs Threakall, 40, of Erdington, Birmingham, decided to sue both South Birmingham Health Authority and Wellcome, after an Anglo-French report last April showed that during a four-year trial period there had been no evidence that the drug was any use. Her husband, Bob, was infected by the virus in 1985 after being treated with a contaminated blood-clotting agent. He died two years ago, 18 months after being prescribed ATZ by health authority doctors.

Mrs Threakall says her husband had remained well for years after he became infected, working full-time as a civil servant.

"He went downhill from the day he was given AZT," she claims. "He had no symptoms of Aids until then, but within a year he had stopped working and I had to give up my job as a deputy headteacher to look after him. I am convinced he died earlier than he would have done."

Her case, which is expected to come to court within a year, will be the first involving the drug, which was once hailed as the best method of slowing up the development of the HIV virus into Aids.

If Mrs Threakall wins her legal battle it could open the way for a flood of compensation claims from close relatives of people who died after taking AZT.



Sue Threakall with a photograph of her husband

Climbers cautioned after third Welsh fall

BY RONALD FAUX

A MOUNTAIN rescue leader appealed for caution by climbers and hill walkers yesterday after three men died within 48 hours in Snowdonia, North Wales.

John Roberts, head warden of the national park, said low cloud and rain were making conditions hazardous for the thousands of extra bank holiday visitors.

The latest climber to die was Mark Birbeck, 20, of Ickenham, west London. He fell more than 200ft in the Llanberis pass. It is believed that he and a companion had decided not to attempt a climb above the pass on Sunday evening because of the poor conditions, and he fell while they were descending.

The two other men who died were Daniel Evans, 34, of Ystradgynlais, Powys, and Hugh Thomas, 35, of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, who were climbing roped together. The leader fell from the rock face and pulled his partner with him.

The deaths ended a period free of serious accidents in the most popular climbing area of Britain. Mr Roberts said the deaths had to be measured against the fact that there had been several thousand walkers and climbers on Snowdon at the same time.

"Every car park in the Llanberis area and in the Ogwen valley was full. The A5 was lined for miles with parked vehicles, with every lay-by jammed. You have to keep the accident record in context," he said.

Many people arrived in bright sunshine on Friday, but on Sunday the hills disappeared in mist and rain. Rocks that were dry and secure became slippery and dangerous. "People have come a long way and simply don't want to go home without having made an effort," Mr Roberts said.

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Counterfeit traders 'fund terror rings'

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TRADERS selling counterfeit goods were accused yesterday of using the profits to support terrorists and drug dealers.

Launching a campaign to expose an estimated £1 billion sale of counterfeit goods, Labour MPs said there was increasing evidence of links between traders and organised crime.

Nigel Griffiths, the party's consumer affairs spokesman, said that a substantial amount of drug money was laundered through the counterfeit trade. "It is no longer the case of a Jack the Lad selling fake goods but has become much more dangerous, involving organised crime.

"There are reports coming from the Serious Fraud Squad that profits from fake computer games and videos in particular are being used to supply arms to both sides in the conflict in Northern Ireland via organised crime rings. It is big business to the terror groups, who can rake in about £10 million a year."

Robin Cook, the shadow industry secretary, estimated that illegal traders lost Britain's manufacturing industry 100,000 jobs and endangered lives. Many of the goods were potentially dangerous, such as sub-standard aircraft parts which might have contributed to a recent air crash into the sea off Denmark in which 55 people died. He said that the Civil Aviation Authority had also discovered fake nuts for Concorde.

Mr Cook called for tougher sanctions against illegal traders. "Fake brake parts for cars have been discovered and it is a growing industry. People who buy them are in very serious danger. The numbers of fake perfumes, watches, clothes, tapes and assorted goods has gone up four times in the last ten years, at the expense of everybody."

Anthea Wordsall, of the Anti-Counterfeiting Group, identified Manchester as the British capital of the counterfeit industry. "Thirty million pounds in fake goods were seized in this country last year and we think that's only about 10 per cent."

Jackson hit by illness again

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE heat of South East Asia defeated pop star Michael Jackson again last night when he postponed a concert in Singapore minutes before he was due to go on stage.

"Michael Jackson has been taken ill," 47,000 fans packed into Singapore's National Stadium for his second concert in the city were told. His doctor said he had a migraine and would perform tomorrow instead.

Last week, when the allegations of abuse first surfaced, Jackson cancelled two concerts in Bangkok, saying he was dehydrated.

On Sunday, his thirty-fifth birthday, he was sufficently recovered to perform before an ecstatic crowd, aided by specially installed air-conditioners beneath the stage which wafted cool breezes towards the singer.

Jackson's staff insisted his cancellation of the two performances had no connection with police investigation into allegations that he sexually molested a boy.

Jackson has maintained a low, indeed almost invisible profile off-stage since the sex abuse allegations emerged during the Far Eastern leg of his "Dangerous" concert tour. Jackson has refused to comment, but his aides insist the allegations are the result of a failed $20 million blackmail attempt.

Earlier yesterday a posse of Jackson's fans sang: "You are our sunshine, our only sunshine, you make us happy when skies are grey," beneath his hotel window. A hand appeared at the window and waved twice but the reclusive star himself was not to be seen.

Back in Los Angeles Jackson's security adviser reiterated claims that the graphic sex abuse allegations made by Jordan Chandler, 13, were the result of an attempt by his father, a prominent Beverly Hills dentist, to extort money from Jackson.

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Children spurn books for hi-tech toys

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

CHILDREN are spurning books and sport for the instant gratification of television and computer games, according to a survey.

Less than a third of primary school pupils read for pleasure, with computer heroes such as Sonic the Hedgehog and *Super Mario* replacing the Famous Five and Billy Bunter as childhood icons.

Television is the favourite pastime for 55 per cent of children, with 37 per cent of those surveyed falling under the spell of computers.

The survey of more than 670 children aged five to 11 and 570 grandparents, commissioned by Birds Eye, the frozen food company, revealed that only 30 per cent of pupils like reading at school, compared with more than half of the same age group two generations ago. Reading is also more popular among girls than boys.

Overall, almost half of the primary school children surveyed said books were boring. Only in Scotland did youngsters read more than their grandparents had as children, with 43 per cent saying they enjoyed it, compared with 33 per cent.

The trend away from reading was sharpest in the Midlands and the North of England where only one child in five liked reading, half that of their grandparents' generation.

Sport is also losing its appeal. While 45 per cent of grandparents said playing sport had been their favourite spare-time activity as children, 31 per cent of today's youngsters said they enjoyed physical competition.

The survey showed, however, that playing with friends remains the most popular childhood activity, just as it was two generations ago.

Michael Rosen, the children's author, said the findings were not a cause for despair. He said: "Television can actually encourage children to read. The sales of a book soar after it becomes a popular television series or a film. My children are reading *Jurassic Park* at the moment. Now why do you think that is?"

Mr Rosen, whose books include *Burping Bertha* and *Freckly Feet and Itchy Knees*, said the amount of money available for schools to buy new books had declined since the 1960s. "Books do have particular advantages over television. They give a child a certain amount of autonomy which you don't get from television," he said.

British Association: new techniques offer hope for ecologists but problems for the health service

Rare plants swallow metals that poison soil

RARE plants from remote Pacific islands and alpine regions could be used to transform heavily polluted land.

British and New Zealand scientists have discovered a range of flowers, shrubs and trees which can concentrate metals such as zinc, chromium and lead in their leaves and stems.

Rather than being poisoned, the plants appear to thrive on soils polluted by heavy metals.

Professor Steve McGrath of the Institute of Arable Crops Research at the Rothamsted experimental station in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, said yesterday: "Decontamination of soils polluted with heavy metals remains one of the most intractable problems of clean-up technology."

Rival techniques, ranging from chemical extraction of heavy metals from soils to immobilising affected areas by turning them to glass, all have drawbacks. These include cost and the need for special equipment and trained staff.

The plants promise a low-cost solution which, if successful, will be able to return polluted land back into agricultural, recreational or building use.

Some of the plants identified could also be harnessed for economic uses. One of the species, *Sebertia acuminata*, from New Caledonia in the Pacific, produces sap which is laden with nickel and chromium. It could be tapped for nickel for industrial uses in the same way as latex is tapped from trees to produce rubber, Professor McGrath said.

He said that smelting and metals companies were showing interest in their research. When burnt the ash of the plants could contain as much as 20 per cent of heavy metals or "*the equivalent to a good* ore". Dupont, the chemical company, had also expressed an interest in the plant as a way of cleaning up lead-contaminated soil at a United States factory that once produced the petrol anti-knock

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agent tetra-ethyl lead. The research, carried out in co-operation with Massey University in New Zealand, was funded by the European Community, the Leverhulme Trust and the United States army.

Biologists have found 69 families of plants capable of concentrating a wide range of *heavy metals. Tests on about* ten of the plants were recently completed in the London area to see if they would thrive in temperate British climes.

The species used included the alpine penny-cress and alyssum, a flowering plant found in the mountain regions of Greece and Italy.

They were compared with oil-seed rape and radish in trials on land polluted by zinc-contaminated sewage sludge spread over it for 20 years. All of the new species out-performed the more common crops. One of the exotic species extracted 43 kilograms of zinc a hectare from the soil, compared to 0.5 kilograms a hectare for oil-seed rape and 0.2 kilograms for radish.

The tests suggest that some of the plants could restore the land to safe levels of heavy metals within a decade. Planting oil-seed rape and radishes to clean up the soil would take between 800 and several thousand years.

Professor McGrath, speaking at the British Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting, said additional research was urgently needed to collect and conserve the rare plants used in the experiments. In some cases, he said, they were threatened by activities such as mining in their native habitats.

Cultivation programmes were also needed so that the promising plants could be brought into large-scale production for treating polluted land. More trials were needed to pinpoint those which would grow fastest in countries such as Britain.

Professor McGrath said genetic studies, to discover the genes which control the uptake of heavy metals in the plants, were also required. Once identified these genes could be engineered into other, possibly faster-growing native species such as willow or grasses.

Research was also needed to decide on the best way of disposing of the plants once they have become saturated with the heavy metals. However, given the high concentrations of heavy metals which they absorbed, it may be possible to extract and re-cycle the metals for industrial purposes, Professor McGrath suggested.

Dr Susan Gregson of the Applied Environmental Research Centre in Colchester, Essex, said the area of derelict land, including land contaminated by chemicals and heavy metals, could exceed 50,000 hectares in Britain.

Professor McGrath said there were vast areas of the country polluted with heavy metals. Many were near old mines or smelters. Most cities had a "halo" of heavy metals in soil arround them, a legacy of past industrial activity.

"Garden soils in old houses are quite contaminated," Professor McGrath said.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Broken marriages create underclass of single mothers

■ **A 33-year study presents a disturbing vision of the future for women bringing up families at the bottom of society's ladder**

MARRIAGE breakdowns are creating an underclass of women trapped in a downward poverty spiral, according to one of the world's biggest social surveys published today.

More than 11,000 people were monitored for 33 years and the initial findings disclosed that 24 per cent of women were lone parents by the age of 33. Broken marriages were responsible for 85 per cent of single parents, who were then forced to take some of the lowest paid jobs. State benefits accounted for 57 per cent of their income.

The fifth National Child Development Study by the Economic and Social Research Council was unveiled at the annual British Association Science Festival at Keele University, Staffordshire.

It also showed that New Man is a myth: only 1 per cent of the men in the study undertook household chores "*most of the time*", *though 91* per cent were in favour of sharing chores equally.

Mothers with one child and earning £117 a week compared poorly against £307 for a married couple with one child. State benefits accounted for more than half of the single mother's income, compared with 14 per cent for the married couple.

Lone mothers with jobs had poor hourly rates. If they were not in full-time employment they earned £4.40 an hour on

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average, while married mothers took home £5.40 and married fathers £7.40. Single mothers employed part-time also earned less than part-time working married mothers — £3 and £3.70 an hour respectively.

Dr Angela Dale, of City University and one of the council's funded researchers, said: "Although the data is still being analysed, one possible explanation for this difference is that lone parents need jobs *with greater time flexibility*, which tend to be lower paid.

"It may also be that the presence of children limits their ability to take higher-*paid career-oriented jobs.*"

The main problem faced by single mothers struggling to find work was a lack of affordable creche facilities. Single mothers who had jobs relied on informal childcare, with 31 per cent using their parents as surrogate nannies for under-fives. Only 19 per cent could afford a childminder. About 20 per cent were forced to use an unregistered childminder, despite efforts by local authorities and the National Childminding Association to curb this.

Only a tiny proportion of lone mothers used workplace creches. "Company creches received an enormous amount of publicity, but they were virtually non-existent as far as our sample were concerned," said Dr Dale.

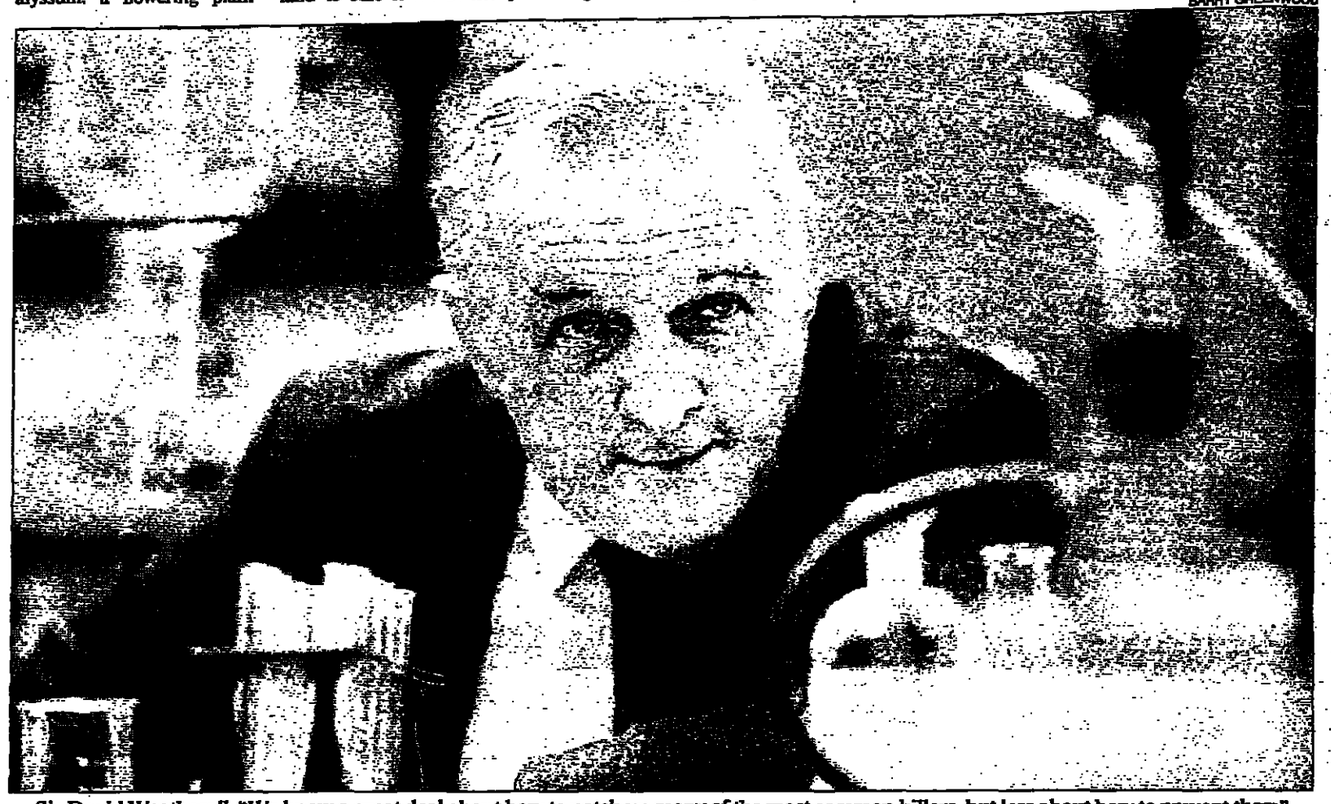
She said women had not achieved economic independence. "Compared with their mother's generation, more are in better paid jobs, but things haven't changed that much. Many depend on support from divorced husbands or the state."

Male partners offer little help. About 77 per cent of women did the cooking, 66 per cent the shopping, 75 per cent *the cleaning and 85 per cent* had to do the washing. But men led the field in DIY, with 72 per cent claiming to do odd jobs around the home.

Despite the high number of marriage breakdowns and their associated financial problems, a high percentage of the sample was in favour of traditional marital values. Sixty per cent of the sample agreed that "marriage is for life", while 47 per cent believed that "divorce is too easy to get these days".



Dr Angela Dale, left, found that the popular concept of New Man is a myth



Sir David Weatherall: "We know a great deal about how to patch up many of the most common killers, but less about how to prevent them"

$1bn speculation 'aided Tory policy'

BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK NUTTALL

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THE speculator George Soros, who made $1 billion at the time of sterling's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism, has done the government's economic policy a power of good, Sir Samuel Brittan, assistant editor of the *Financial Times*, said.

Sir Samuel, president of the association's economic section, told the conference that Mr Soros had shown the ERM was unstable and had helped to bring about necessary adjustments in policy.

He did not, however, believe that finance ministers should be pleased with these developments. On the contrary, they showed that any fresh attempts at currency collaboration needed to be more robustly designed, with stronger political commitment by the principal players, including central banks.

Sir Samuel expressed scepticism about the fashionable subject of business ethics. Sometimes, he said, offering a bribe might be morally *defensible: to make the* centrally planned Soviet economic system a little less oppressive, for example. He also questioned the so-called "social responsibility of business", saying it was "an attempt to achieve public policy on the cheap and on the side".

In a separate paper, Amartya Sen, professor of *economics and philosophy at* Harvard University, attempted to dispel the popular myth that Adam Smith, beloved economist of the right, preached self-love and selfishness. Smith is celebrated for the phrase: "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest. We address ourselves, not to their humanity but to their self-love..."

Professor Sen said more detailed studies of Smith showed that he advocated *equally sympathy, generosity* and public spirit in his views on the business world. Such principles, which hinge on trust between partners, had played a key role in the economic success of the Japanese economy, he suggested.

High-tech medicine is no panacea, says professor

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HIGH-TECH medicine that can keep patients alive but not cure them has created a crisis in the provision of health care, the British Association for the Advancement of Science was told yesterday.

Its president, Sir David Weatherall, said: "We know a great deal about how to patch *up many of the most common* killers of Western society, but much less about how to prevent them and, in many cases, almost nothing about their cause."

People were being urged to change their diets and lifestyles, but evidence that this could solve the problems was scanty, Sir David, professor of clinical medicine at Oxford, told the conference. "We still await the results of a definitive clinical trial which proves that cholesterol-lowering saves lives," he said.

"Millions of pounds have been spent looking for changes in our diets which predispose to high blood pressure. Over the years the leading contender, salt, has come in and out of fashion and yet *the case remains open.* Recently, an American study involving more than 89,000 women found no evidence for a correlation between diet and breast cancer; the US National Institutes of Health are about to spend more than $10 million to go over the same ground again."

Improvements in environment and lifestyle, together with better ways of delivering health care, would not be *enough on their own. They* might reduce heart disease, stroke and cancer, but by how much we did not know. "In the case of many of our killers —

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the chronic diseases, psychoses, rheumatism, dementia, Parkinson's disease and sometimes of blindness and deafness; for example — we don't know where to start designing prevention programmes," Sir David said.

What was needed was better understanding, through basic medical research. *Identifying* the genes responsible for predisposing people to disease "offers us a route to the causes and mechanisms of many of our intractable killers", he said. "We have been singularly unsuccessful in tackling these problems."

Scientific method should also be applied to the provision of health care, he said. "The recent reorganisation of the NHS, like its predecessor, was a massive social experiment which, if it had been offered to the editor of any half-decent scientific journal, would have been rejected. No *small-scale pilot studies* were carried out and another marvellous opportunity for assessing different methods for organising health care was lost."

Sir David said he was worried by evidence that the public was disillusioned with modern scientific medicine. The evidence came from the US, where, in 1990, patients made 388 million visits to general practitioners, but 425 *million visits to unconventional* therapists.

Few of such therapies had been subjected to proper clinical trials.

Medical sciences had the potential to enter "the most exciting and productive phase of their long history", he said. To achieve that, however, "we shall have to reverse the current trends in the way that medical science is perceived generally".

Switch to Mediterranean diet 'can cut heart risk'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

SWITCHING to a diet of bread, olive oil, fruit and red wine can cut the risk of a heart attack by three quarters for people *with heart disease*, researchers said yesterday.

The benefits, which are felt within the first few months, confirm that the Mediterranean diet of the countries of southern Europe is among the healthiest in the world. Although deaths from heart disease are known to be lower among such populations, evidence presented to the fifteenth congress of the European Society of Cardiology *in Nice, southern France*, attended by 13,000 doctors and other specialists, shows that it is never too late to change eating habits.

Results from a study on diet at the National Institute of Health in Lyons, involving 600 patients with heart disease, *show that eating fish* and salad instead of butter and cheese confers almost instant protection from a heart attack, compared with the longer time taken by drugs to lower cholesterol. Dr Michel Lorgeril and colleagues of the Lyons institute said that the typical Mediterranean diet reduced fat and increased the level of natural antioxidants such as vitamins C and E.

Half the patients in the study were asked to eat more bread, fish, poultry and vegetables, less red meat, to replace butter and cream with margarine and olive oil, and to eat fruit every day. Wine was allowed with meals. After two years, they had suffered 75 per cent fewer heart attacks and deaths than the patients who continued with their normal diet.

Dr Lorgeril said that the rapid protection induced by the adapted diet within a few months suggested that it had a direct effect on the composition of the blood, reducing the likelihood of blood clots forming, which are a cause of coronary thrombosis. "Owing to the potential implications for public health, cardiology and agriculture, it seems urgent to test the feasibility of the diet in a non-Mediterranean country," he said.

☐ A simple treatment costing a few pence may save the lives of thousands of heart attack victims when given immediately on admission to hospital, according to researchers.

Eight recent studies have shown that the mineral magnesium, a natural constituent of bread, cereals and beer, can cut the death rate by half *when given in solution* directly into a vein over the first 24 hours after a heart attack.

Results from a study at Leicester Royal Infirmary, presented at the congress, show that even after four years the death rate among patients treated with magnesium is a fifth lower.

Dr Kent Woods, consultant physician at Leicester Royal Infirmary and author of the latest study, said that magnesium salts were now given routinely to all heart attack victims at the infirmary. "It is cheap, simple and safe. Even if it cuts death by only 10 per cent it would be worth using."

Surgeons debate ethics of out-of-womb transplants

BY AILEEN BALLANTYNE

A PROPOSAL to "harvest" and store human limbs and organs taken from aborted foetuses is being considered by two British plastic surgeons. The limbs would be kept for use in "out-of-womb" transplants on unborn babies who would otherwise be born seriously handicapped.

The surgeons stress they would only proceed with developing such techniques *after a public debate on its* ethical acceptability, but the British Medical Association says it sees no obvious ethical objection, comparing such operations with heart and lung transplants, which most people accept.

The proposal follows a ten-year continuing research study on rats by Anthony Rowsell, consultant plastic surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Hospital Trust, and a senior registrar in plastic surgery, David Gateley. The study shows that it is possible to keep an amputated "potential donor" foetal rat limb growing and alive in a special culture medium for three days.

"We have the technology to transplant a human limb now," Mr Rowsell said. "But should we do it? It raises the whole question of foetal organ banks."

Performing the transplant in humans would involve removing a developing unborn baby from its mother's womb, operating, then replac*ing the baby to be born* several months later. The surgeons hope the defects could be picked up by ultrasound early enough to allow intervention before the unborn baby's immune system was sufficiently developed to reject the transplanted limb as "foreign" and that it would grow normally with little or no scarring as the foetus developed.

About 40 such out-of-womb operations have been carried out by Dr Michael Harrison, professor of surgery at the University of California in San Francisco, who pioneered the technique. His success rate has been around 50 per cent for some conditions and so far this form of surgery has been used only for life-threatening complications.

Mr Rowsell believes the use of out-of-womb surgery may be justified for babies who would otherwise be born with a limb missing because the only possible means of correcting such a handicap is before birth.

Dr Fleur Fisher, head of ethics and science at the British Medical Association, said that she could see no moral objection to the use of foetal limbs and organs for such transplants provided — as with the use of foetal brain tissue to treat Parkinson's disease — *the decision to* abort a foetus was made independently of the need for an operation by another party, in this case another foetus.

She said many advances, such as heart transplants, were highly controversial when first proposed.

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Officials keep silent on cancer errors

BY LIN JENKINS

TWO senior health officials involved in the Birmingham cancer controversy have stopped talking about the blunders pending an investigation into claims that managers knew of mistakes long before an enquiry was ordered.

Diagnostic errors have been identified in 42 cases handled by Dr Carol Starkie for the bone tumour service at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital and about 2,000 more cases are being re-examined.

Michael Waterland, acting chief executive of South Birmingham *Health Authority, is* to investigate a claim from Derek McMinn, clinical director of orthopaedic services, that he and Dr Gillian Todd, the manager in charge of the pathology unit, discussed "inaccuracy problems" last year.

Dr Archibald Malcolm, chairman of the initial enquiry into the errors, has also been asked to re-examine the facts.

Dr Todd, who says she did not know of the problems until May, and Dr Bernard Crump, director of public health for South Birmingham, will no longer answer enquiries. Mr Waterland announced yesterday that he and the chairman, Bryan Stoten, would talk to the media.

"Dr Crump and Dr Todd have now been answering enquiries for many hours. They have been interviewed to the point of exhaustion," Mr Waterland said. They could release statements agreed by the authority, he said.



Todd: "interviewed to point of exhaustion"

South Downs heritage falls victim to EC rules

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATION of the South Downs, which contain some of the last areas of chalk grassland in Britain, is being undermined by European Community measures aimed at cutting surplus food production, according to farmers and wildlife experts.

Marginal farmland that might have been used to recreate lost landscapes and habitats is being left semi-derelict because of EC rules that effectively compel farmers to take 15 per cent of their arable land out of production.

David Monnington, who farms 515 arable acres and 750 acres of pasture above Lewes, in East Sussex, left 80 acres of low-yielding wheat fields fallow this year to meet his set-aside requirement. He is paid £104 for every acre.

The rough, chalky fields are now a riot of ragwort, an invasive, yellow-flowering plant that is poisonous to cattle and difficult to control. This has come as a shock both to Mr Monnington and to Bill Jenman, who manages the neighbouring Malling Down reserve for the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

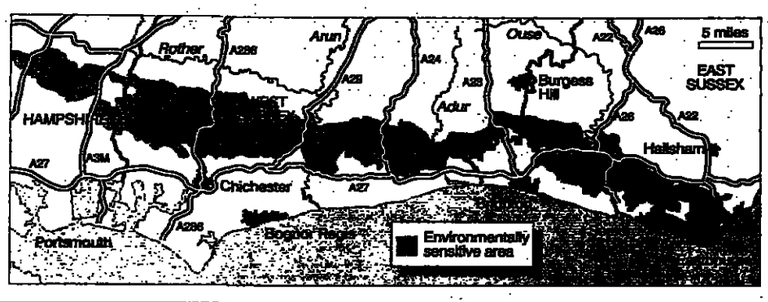
Mr Jenman said: "We have spent ten years getting rid of ragwort on the reserve. Now we are getting a rain of ragwort seeds from Mr Monnington's fields."

Mr Monnington, chairman of the Lewes branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "I had been planning to allow about 45 acres of these former wheat fields to revert to chalkland pasture under the agriculture ministry's environmentally sensitive area (ESA) scheme, but now I cannot spare any extra land for this purpose."

The entire length of the South Downs, an 80-mile corridor stretching from Beachy Head in the east to the outskirts of Winchester in the west, was proclaimed an ESA in 1987, one of the first five areas given the status.

Farmers in the ESA zone are paid to conserve old chalk grassland. Former arable fields entered into the ESA scheme cannot be counted towards a farmer's set-aside quota because EC rules do not permit the grazing of set-aside land.

Yet sheep-grazing is the only real way of conserving the springy, herb-rich downland turf. Phil Belden, assistant countryside manager for the Sussex Downs Conservation Board, said: "Set-aside offers little environmental benefit. It is tragic that one policy is being allowed to compete with another that is far more beneficial."



TONY WHITE



David Monnington surveys the fields on his farm in East Sussex which the EC pays him to leave fallow

NEWS IN BRIEF

Car driven through bungalow

A man slept on undisturbed when a car smashed into the front of his bungalow, careered through the living-room and out of the rear patio window.

Eddie Cowell, 72, had to be woken by his wife Phyllis, 70, after the Ford Escort came to rest in their garden at Tarleton, Lancashire, early yesterday. Firemen had to shore up part of the bungalow.

Police said the driver, George Reilly, 23, of Longton, appeared to have lost control on a corner. He suffered head injuries and was taken to hospital, where his condition was described as comfortable.

Man remanded

John Ballard, 29, of Fernhill Heath, near Worcester, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Kidderminster, accused of attempting to murder and robbing Elizabeth Baylis, 63, at her parents' grave.

Hanging out

The Home Office has refused to allow the trap mechanism of the gallows at Gloucester prison to become a museum exhibit because hanging is still legal for traitors.

Fatal fall

Ricky Ryan, 20, who is believed to have fallen 35ft through the window of his flat in Llandudno while adjusting his TV aerial, died in hospital.

Body found

A walker found the charred body of a man, believed to be in his thirties, in a field at Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Police have ruled out foul play.

Crash death

A man in his fifties, dressed only in underpants and plimsolls, died when his car crashed into a wall at East Ayton, North Yorkshire.

Long boat

David Davies has named his 19ft boat *About Time Too* after taking 24 years to build it at his home in Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Scientists tackle islands' chick virus

ORNITHOLOGISTS were yesterday investigating a virus that kills thousands of Manx shearwater chicks on two islands off the Pembrokeshire coast, southwest Wales, every year.

Scientists landed on Skomer island, home to half the world's population of Manx shearwaters, so-called because of their skimming flight over the sea, in an attempt to find a cure for the illness.

As many as 3,000 shearwaters die each year from the virus, called puffinosis, which has puzzled naturalists since it was first recorded early this century. Puffinosis is unique to the 400-acre island and its neighbour Skokholm.

The virus emerges every year in early September when chicks are preparing to migrate. David Saunders, director of the Dyfed Wildlife Trust, said: "It occurs only in certain colonies, usually where the burrows are damp." The disease causes blisters on the birds' webbed feet and lower legs and can lead to paralysis.

Scientists hope to save many puffinosis victims this week by using two antibiotics to fight the virus.

☐ Recent sightings from the Bird Information Service include the rare oriental pratincole at Pevensey Levels, near Eastbourne, East Sussex, a black stork near Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, and a citrine wagtail from Russia at Beddington Sewage Farm, near Croydon, south London, and on Fair Isle off northern Scotland.



Manx shearwater: prey to puffinosis

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AIRBORNE veterans have begun a world-wide search for an aircraft from the second world war to fly them on a memorial mission.

They are one plane short in their plan to take more than 60 former soldiers, aged between 69 and 85, on a parachute drop to the battlefields of Arnhem, where more than 7,000 British and Polish troops were killed, wounded or captured in the battle to secure a bridgehead on the Rhine, commemorated in the film *A Bridge Too Far*.

The veterans are seeking a Dakota DC3 with static-line fittings for solo jumps as the highlight of a tribute to fallen comrades on next year's fiftieth anniversary of the battle. Organisers hope to raise £250,000 for charities in Britain and The Netherlands. Dakotas have been offered by the Dutch Dakota Association and an air freight firm. The aircraft will cater for most of the veterans jumping strapped to a present-day serviceman. Another aircraft is needed for higher-altitude solo jumps.

Geoff Holmes, an organiser, said: "There are still probably hundreds of Dakotas throughout the world, but few comply with the airworthiness and insurance requirements or have static-line fittings. Additionally, they have to be available. The aircraft also has a special place in the hearts of the Dutch, bringing relief when they were starving." Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands is planning to co-pilot one of the Dakotas on September 17 next year.



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The chess champions hit town and prepare to slug it out for one of the biggest purses in British sport

Gloves come off in clash of heavyweights

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



With only a week to go before the big match starts, Garry Kasparov, left, and Nigel Short have been sharpening their psychological skills

BY DANIEL JOHNSON, LITERARY EDITOR

CHESS fever is sweeping Britain during the countdown to *The Times* World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, which begins at the Savoy Theatre in London a week from today.

The purse of £1.7 million is one of the largest in the history of British sport; only boxing can offer comparable rewards. The first game begins at 3.30pm next Tuesday and the match continues on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from September 7 to October 30. Games unfinished by 9.30pm will be adjourned until the next day. The match will be the best of 24 games; all will be played. Tickets are available at £20, £35 or £55.

This week should see the temperature rise, with Short giving his first news conference at the Savoy Hotel tomorrow, and Kasparov (recovering from the extraction of his wisdom teeth) to follow on Thursday. Both arrived in London last week.

They are working hard to undermine each other's confidence. Short had painted a crude caricature of Kasparov as a simian monster and Asiatic despot before a truce began last February when both players agreed to play the match outside the auspices of Fide, the international chess federation.

Now the gloves are off again. Last Sunday *The Sunday Times* reported allegations, supported by quotes from Short, that Kasparov has disguised his close links with the Soviet old guard, despite his record as a critic of the Communist system.

The world champion contemptuously dismissed as a lie the charge that the KGB had taught him how to intimidate opponents. The case against Kasparov will be presented in a BBC2 programme, *On the Line: Red Squares*, about the Soviet manipulation of chess, tomorrow night.

Media coverage is reaching a climax of intensity, unprecedented even in the 1972 Fischer-Spassky match. Some 80 hours of scheduled broadcasting on Channel 4, BBC2 and BSkyB will be devoted to the championship. As match sponsors, *The Times* has led the press coverage from the beginning, backing up chess news, features and Raymond Keene's daily column with a large advertising campaign. Most rival newspapers have followed suit.

Both *The Independent* and the London *Evening Standard* — which were highly critical of Short, Kasparov and *The Times* when the match was announced last May — have responded to their readers' interest by giving the event full coverage. *The Daily Telegraph* has hired Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*, and Donald Trelford, former editor of *The Observer*, to comment on the match, supported by major investment in advertising.

Even the tabloid press, which in the past has rarely given space to chess, reflects public fascination. In the past few days alone, Short and Kasparov have been given star treatment in *The Sun*, the *Sunday Express* and *Today*.

Publishers, too, have been quick to seize their chance: the first books about the match are already on sale. Keene has written four of them, all published by Batsford. His brief *Introduction to The Times World Chess Championship 1993* (£2.50 pbk) has details of the big match; his *Chess for Absolute Beginners* (£9.99) is the basis of a series in *The Times* next week. More serious enthusiasts will want *Garry Kasparov's Best Games* and *Nigel Short's Best Games* (£9.99 each). Keene is to collaborate on the official book of the match with Short and Kasparov.

An excellent account of the rise of Britain's greatest chess player is *Nigel Short: Quest for the Crown* by Cathy Forbes (Cadogan, £9.99 pbk), which offers a balanced and lively version of the disputes between the players and Fide.

Other events have been timed to coincide with the match, including a Victorian chess afternoon in aid of the Sick Children's Trust at Simpson's-in-the-Strand next Sunday and Christie's first sale of chess sets on September 21.

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Relaxing for the fray ahead

NIGEL SHORT

WHEN Nigel Short considers the task ahead of him, he sometimes resorts to tennis imagery. Kasparov, he says, has a monstrous serve; you have to get your returns in if you are to stand a chance. So it is appropriate that the British challenger now finds himself, physically as well as emotionally, in the best shape of his life.

During his training regime over the past four months he has focused his enormous powers of concentration on relaxing and on giving himself permission to enjoy life.

At his home in Athens, where he lives with his Greek-born wife Rea, he spent much of the summer playing with their two-year-old daughter Kyveli, or driving down to the sea at Piraeus for a day's swimming.

For the past few weeks, he has been in Washington with Lubomir Kavalek, his trainer. The two have been working together for three years. Although Short says he cannot discuss the minute details of his preparation, since that would be "like leaking the circuitry of a guided weapons system", it is no secret that he has spent long hours picking over Kasparov's past games in search of the chinks and weaknesses.

Is this not rather like looking for a needle in a haystack? "It is a question of seeing whether I can steer the game towards a style that suits me," Short says, "or at least one that is uncomfortable for him. Or preferably both.

"I go through it all with Lubomir, who has an incredible breadth of chess knowledge. He and I now have a really valuable relationship of mutual trust and respect."

Short is at present lying low in London. While here, he guards his privacy ferociously, for long periods speaking to nobody except Michael Stean, his manager and confidant.

After Kavalek and Rea, who brings her own skills as a perceptive drama therapist to bear on her husband's condition, Stean has become the most important figure in Short's professional life.

This is not only true for his career in general, but for his world championship preparations in particular.

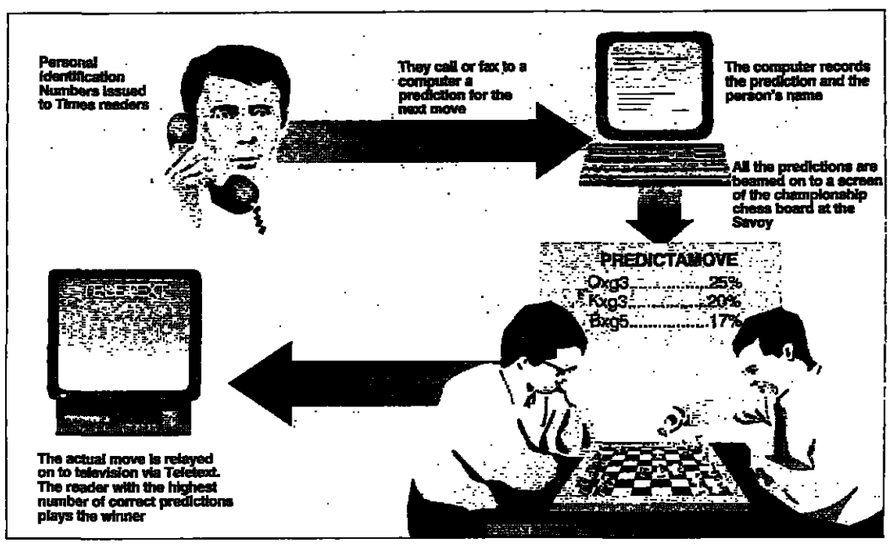
Stean, a grandmaster and old sparring partner of Short, is also a qualified tax accountant. The chance to hand all his tax returns and contractual affairs to a full-time assistant, Short says, has brought an enormous sense of liberation.

"I really do feel that my mind is clearer to concentrate on chess than it has ever been before," he says.

"I have also learnt how to look after myself much better, and to resist distractions. This has only come after a long time of letting people get to me, of being telephoned at seven in the morning, and so missing out on the sleep I need.

"At present, I am feeling fine, extremely good, and very happy. Life is treating me very well."

PREDICTAMOVE: HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME



BY IAN MURRAY

CHESS enthusiasts in 12 countries will be able to pit their skills against the two best players in the world during *The Times*'s championship, thanks to pioneering technology introduced for the event.

The system, called Predictamove, will allow anyone to telephone in to a central computer to forecast the next move. The state of play will be shown on Teletext, so all that is needed to take part is access to a telephone and television.

A point will be awarded for each correct forecast. There will be daily cash prizes for the most accurate predictions and at the end of the series the individual with the most points will win a car worth $10,000 and the right to play the championship winner. The runner-up will receive $5,000, a television and will play the championship runner-up.

The most accurate *Times* reader will win $1,000 and a television, as will the fan who makes the best set of predictions while attending the matches at the Savoy Theatre in London.

Wytze de Back, of the Dutch firm Teleworld, which developed Predictamove, said: "This will be a high-tech event made possible by a technological *tour de force*. The audience can participate without having to buy any equipment, just by stretching out an arm. What we have done is devise a method of coping with multiple different predictions at the same time. It opens up a whole range of possibilities for the future."

Anyone in Britain wanting to compete will telephone a special premium rate number (0891 100 200), which will have about 300 lines linked to the central computer in Rotterdam. When they make their first call, the player will be given a personal identification number to be tapped into the telephone keyboard each time a prediction is made. Each square is numbered so that the predicted move can be tapped into the keyboard and logged by the computer. Making a prediction will take only about 40 seconds.

The audience at the Savoy Theatre will be able to participate for nothing, using a handset installed next to each seat. All the predictions will be added up by the computer and the most popular forecast will be flashed onto a screen in the theatre.

The 11 other countries where Predictamove will operate are Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Each day the most successful forecaster overall will win $500 and the runner-up $250. The best player in each country will win $100 and there will be similar prizes for the best predictions from the Savoy audience and *Times* readers.

Master of the quick, sure kill

GARRY KASPAROV

BY ROBERT CRAMPTON

WHEN Garry Kasparov flew into London last week and said that he had barely been near a chess board for two weeks, there was more than a little kidology going on.

Kasparov has certainly been busy with business and political commitments in Moscow — but only because he felt the hard chess work had been done. Like a boxer who can take it easy just before the big fight because he has spent months pounding the roads and the ring, Kasparov knows he is in good shape.

Since arriving at his rented flat near Regent's Park in central London, Kasparov has begun his favoured training regime. He sleeps long and late, up to nine hours, has a big breakfast and then works out with his fitness trainers, Sacha and Eugene, who double as bodyguards.

Kasparov likes to use old-fashioned bar and dumbbells. He can comfortably lift his own bodyweight — 80kg. He also runs and swims. "To be ready, I should feel confident, strong, in good physical and mental condition," he says. "Chess is a brutal, gruelling game, especially a world championship." He will work hard on fitness this week — there will be less opportunity once the match gets under way.

After a siesta, the champion has another large, high-carbohydrate meal. "I can eat anything," he says. "I do enough exercise to burn it off, and I will lose weight anyway during the match." Then, about 4pm, he gets down to the serious business of pushing wood around a board. He does that for the next five hours, eats, talks chess, then sleeps.

I have watched him train several times during the past five months — in Moscow, London, and Croatia, where he spent most of the summer on an island in the Adriatic with three fellow grandmasters. Kasparov has been progressively more reluctant to be observed. He says his chess genius is based on intuition — "you have to *smell* which is the best move" — but his intuition improves the harder he works.

"I am working on some new opening theory," he says. If that sounds cerebral, watching him play is not. It is as if he thinks he is still in the gym — snatching his pieces up, banging them down, shouting "Check!" to his partner, rubbing his face in frustration if a combination does not work, then reinstating the initial position with the fast, sure hands of a man utterly at home among the 64 squares.

"In chess you have to make a decision which will have the maximum effect in the minimum time," he says. "Most chess masters have their specialities. I am world champion because I have many and because I can bring my opponent out from his speciality." He finds out what his opponent does well, then practises how to stop him. He puts it chillingly: "It's like a shellfish ... if you take him outside of the shell, he's no good."

Resilience wins through

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GARRY Kasparov is the highest ranked and most formidable champion in the history of chess. Nigel Short has, therefore, taken on a supremely onerous task in seeking to unseat him from his world chess throne.

Eight months ago, Kasparov had no doubts. Previewing the result of the match between Nigel Short and Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster, to decide who would become Kasparov's challenger, Kasparov quipped: "My opponent will be Short and the match will be short."

However, on his arrival in London last Thursday he assessed his chances in more modest fashion: "It will be a big fight. Nigel is a good, experienced fighter and he is not someone who will crack after the first setback."

One of Short's strengths, perhaps his greatest, is his immense resilience. In each of the five hurdles he had to overcome on the qualifying path to reach Kasparov, his case has, at some point, appeared hopeless. Yet on every occasion, he won through, showing great determination.

In the opening shot of his campaign, the Manila Interzonal of 1990, Short faced the experienced Soviet Mikhail Gurevich in the final round. Gurevich, playing white, needed just a draw. He would then have qualified whilst eliminating Short.

Gurevich used the advantage of the first move to select a notoriously drawish variation against Short's French Defence. An endgame swiftly arose but by patient probing Short forced a win. In his subsequent qualifying matches, Short started off disastrously, before emerging triumphant.

Short and Kasparov have met in a six game speed chess match for Channel 4 in London six and a half years ago. There were predictions that Kasparov would win 6-0. The result was quite a different one. In this table a win is denoted y a "1" and a loss by "0".

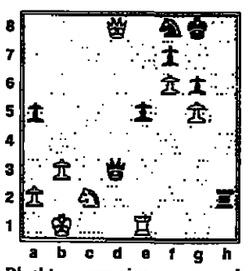
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SHORT	0	0	1	0	0	1	2

The lesson is that Short can profit from Kasparov's fierce will to win and occasional over confidence.

Here is an example of precisely that happening in their game from the tournament at Brussels in 1986. I have reproduced the players' comments as they made them at the time for BBC television.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov



Black's aggressive queen and rook appear to give him the attack. But Kasparov's pawn on e5 is under attack and it is Short's move. Short played the capture **1 Rxe5**

Kasparov now said, thinking aloud: "OK, Nigel missed that. I can win his rook. Oh no. This is a very unpleasant surprise. I can't play 1 ... Qd1+ 2 Kb2 Qd4+ because he can play 3 Qc3. Nigel then protects his rook, has a pawn more and many threats."

1 ... Rh1+
2 Kb2 Qd2
3 Re8

Short reacted: "As he is not threatening anybody, I can create a few threats of my own. This leads to a forced win."

3 ... Qd6
4 Rd8 Qc5+
5 Ka3 Kh7
6 Rxf8 Qd6+
7 b4

Kasparov now resigned, saying: "Someone had to make the last mistake."

EXCLUSIVE

On Saturday, exclusively in *The Times Magazine*, Robert Crampton talks to the champion while Alan Franks meets the challenger

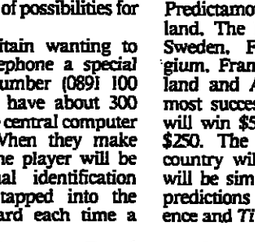
On board and page, insights into the workings of a master's mind

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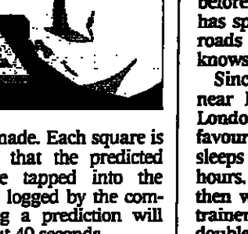
Overthrow of the king

NIGEL Short's speciality is the thunderous tactical blow aimed directly at the victim's king. Here he achieves the thunderclap effect by means of a shattering queen sacrifice. I have given one diagram for the crisis and one where Short's opponent resigned to assist those new to following the moves of chess.

White: Short
Black: Biyiasis
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1	Qxe5+	Qxe5
2	Rxf8+	Rxf8
3	Rxf8	mate



A spate of books is due on the Kasparov-Short extravaganza. One of the first and best, *Nigel Short — Quest for the Crown* by Cathy Forbes, (Cadogan £9.99 pbk) details the dramatic events surrounding the match.

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The Times's successful bid to stage the championship and gives remarkable insights into the ups and (rare) downs of Short's career.

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"The Soviet Chess Federation actively worked to stop Kasparov becoming world champion, halting his first challenge in 1984 when Karpov faltered after a six-month marathon, and bribing his trainers to reveal his opening moves. His treatment by the old regime, which has been confirmed in recently revealed KGB documents, reinforced Kasparov's commitment to the new Russia." Donald Trelford, *The Daily Telegraph*, August 24.

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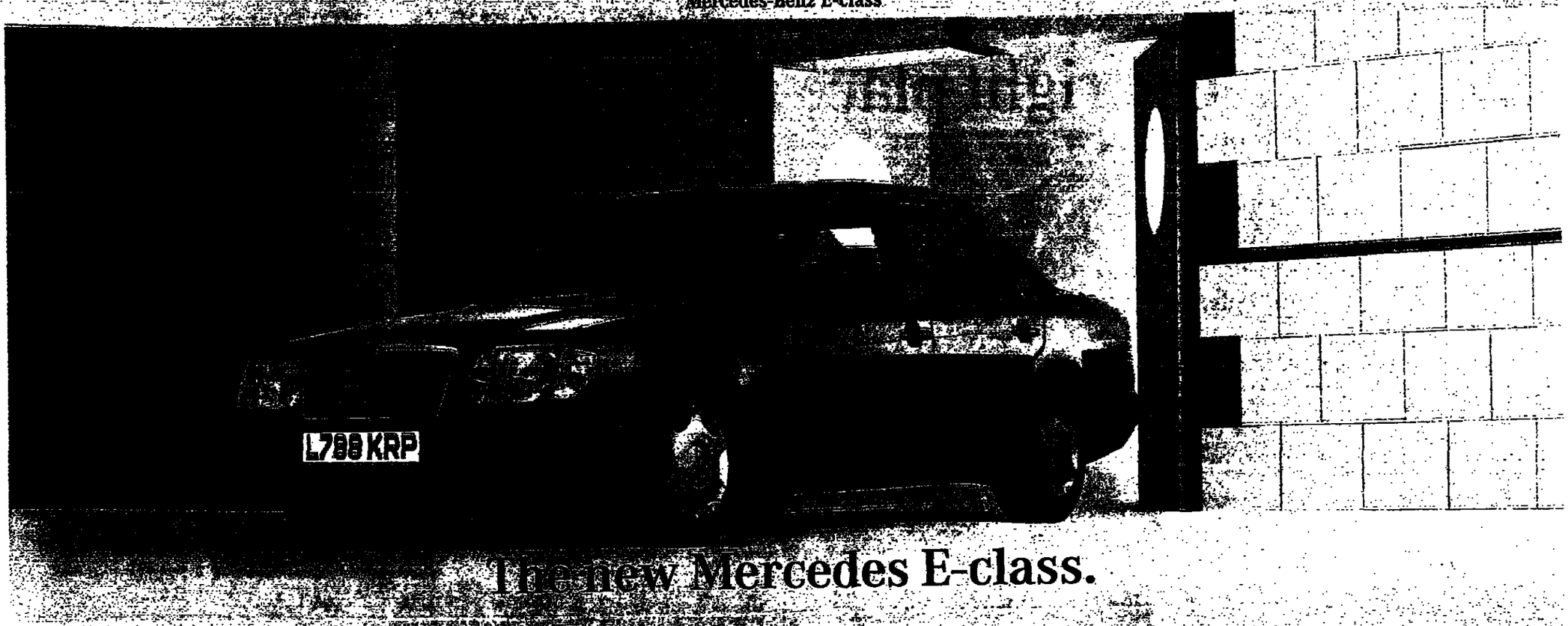
SOME OF THE GAME'S MORE BIZARRE MOVES

FROM time to time the world of chess has been witness to bizarre events. Among the members of Brighton Chess Club in the 1930s was Mrs Sidney, an elderly woman who was inseparable from her dog, Mick. The club had a rule: no dogs allowed; but not wishing to incur her wrath, the club secretary pretended not to notice.

When a new secretary was appointed, he asked her not to bring the dog. An exchange of angry words ensued and eventually a compromise was reached: Mick was elected a club member. Later, the team captain decided the new member should be given match experience and so named Mr Mick on the match sheet. The result? He lost on time.

A continental tournament in the 1940s was interrupted when a spectator started removing his clothes. The clocks were stopped while he was hustled out. He was soon back doing the same thing and was removed to his hotel, where he could be seen performing again in his hotel window. At this point Dr Tartakower, a grandmaster, claimed a draw by three-fold repetition.

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MARTIN RIDDALL

Rushanara Ali, who gained a place to read PPE at St John's College, Oxford, with the help of Tower Hamlets careers office

Rushanara Ali had a terrible weekend. Her A level results were good — two As and a B — but not good enough to guarantee the place at St John's College, Oxford, which had demanded three As for her to study "PPE" — politics, philosophy and economics.

"I felt demoralised," she says, "as well as disappointed that I had not done as well as I had expected. I was worried that I might not be able to cope with the course."

The sixth form tutor at Miss Ali's school, Mulberry in Whitechapel, east London, took her to the careers centre in Stepney Green, run by Tower Hamlets education authority, which works with the local schools and colleges.

Christine James, the careers officer responsible for higher education, says: "The three of us talked it through and decided it was worth a try." After an exchange of phone calls, Miss Ali was told by the PPE tutor that if she was not contacted by the college, she could assume the place was still hers. "We could not stand the uncertainty, and so in the evening I rang and he said it was okay," Miss Ali says.

She decided to try for Oxford after a visit to the university arranged by Tower Hamlets and sponsored by BP. Under the scheme, sixth formers are taken to three places of higher education. "I really enjoyed myself on the visit. I spoke to students and tutors and they encouraged me to have a go."

The university visits are part of the service offered to all sixth formers in Tower Hamlets. Each of them are given a personal interview and then monitored through their two years in the sixth form.

The system goes into overdrive on the publication of the A level results. All the students are written to and invited to come to the centre, where at least ten careers officers are waiting to help. On the first day this year, the staff dealt with 101 students.

In common with all those trying to find places for students who have missed their promised places by only a few points, Tower Hamlets is finding that it is increasingly difficult fo find places in the humanities and social science courses, after the late changes in government funding.

One of the students being helped by Ms James illustrates the point. The student had been offered a place on an English course at Sussex University but missed by one grade.

The student, who also has an A level in geology, has decided to study that instead. She has been offered a geology place by one of the new universities but is now spending hours every day on the careers office telephone in an attempt to find a similar place in one of the traditional universities.

How the Vacancies Service works

Day six of *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service shows that the number of engineering and technology courses with empty places is rising. Fresh vacancies reported by universities and colleges more than compensate for the handful of courses which have been filled since they were first listed last Friday.

De Montford is one of several universities anxious to allow people with arts A-levels to switch to engineering or technology courses. It has four courses suitable for those trying to beat the squeeze in arts and social sciences, ranging from electrical engineering to industrial and business systems. A special telephone helpline (0645 454647) is available for advice and the latest information.

As clearing begins officially today, popular courses will disappear rapidly from now on. Admissions officers expect a rush of applicants after the bank holiday.

The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points. B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements. The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. Full details of each course are contained in the UCCA and PCAS handbooks.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only. Tomorrow: vacancies in arts and social sciences.

UCCA

AERONAUTICAL ENG
City: H420 (16), H412 (24), H400 (18)
Cranfield (RMCS): H420 (14)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), HHL5 (14)
Queen Mary & West: H400 (12), H4R1 (12), H4R2 (12), H4R4 (12) J5H4 (8), HH45 (12)
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), H420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12)
Liverpool: H425 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENG
Cranfield (Silsoe): H330

BUILDING
Bath: K234
Liverpool: K240
London, UC: K200 (12)
Reading: K220, (14)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K200 (14)

CERAMICS
Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENG
Bradford: H890, H893, H894, H800, H891, H892, H803
Birmingham: H890 (18)
Edinburgh: H800 (18)
Bath: H800 (20)
Leeds: H800 (18), H862 (12), H8F9 (18), H850 (12)
London, UC: H870 (20), H800 (20), H801 (20), H880 (20), H814 (20), H871 (20), H875 (20)
Newcastle: H800 (18), H801 (18)
Surrey: H810, H805, H802, H800, H804, H885, H880, H840, H841, H842
Swansea: H890 (14)

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H291 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (12), H209 (20), H206 (12)
Cranfield (RMCS): H200 (12)
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2F6 (12)
Liverpool: H200 (12), H201 (12), HK23 (12), HJ26 (12), H220 (12), H221 (8)
London, UC: H200 (22), H201 (18)
Manchester: H200 (18), H201 (18), H210 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H200 (12), H201 (14), H2N1 (10), H2NC (8), H2R1 (12), H2R2 (12), H2R4 (12)
Salford: H200 (10), H2T2 (10)
Strathclyde: H2T2 (18), H200 (18)
Swansea: H200 (12)
Ulster: H200 (18)
UMIST: H201 (16), H220 (16), H225 (16), H2N8 (16)

ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENG
Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: HH56 (20)
Bradford: HHM6 (10), H695 (12), H696 (10), HH56 (12), H690 (12), H694, H605 (12), H606 (12), H691 (22), H692 (22), H693 (22), HH59 (12)
City: H6H5 (12), H6HN (20), HH56 (8), H610 (12)
Cranfield (RMCS): H600 (14)
Edinburgh: HH56 (18)
Hull: H694 (10), H611 (10), H621 (12), H631 (12), H651 (12), H6F3 (12), HH36 (12)
Keele: CH46 (12), GH16 (12), FH65 (12), CH76 (12), FH16 (12), FH36 (12), HN61 (12), HW63 (12), GH56 (12)
Kent: H605 (4), H600 (8)
Leeds: H600 (12), H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
Liverpool: H691 (12), HH56 (12), H580 (12), H581 (12), H585 (8), H500 (12), H600 (12), H630 (12)
London, UC: H609 (18), HH65 (18), HH6M (18), HHPM (18), H6GM (18), H6G5 (18), H6N1 (18), H673 (18), H604 (18)
London, Kings: HH36 (18), HH56 (18), HH57 (18), HH65 (18), H602 (18)
Newcastle: HH56 (8), HHM6 (8), H600 (8), H601 (8)
Nottingham: HH56, H6R2, H6R4, H6R8, H600, H6RC, H6RF, H6RK, H6RV, HG61
Manchester: HH56 (8), HHNP (8), HH5M(8), H580 (8), HHM6 (20) H600 (8), H604 (8), H602 (8), H601 (8), H611 (8), H605 (8), H603 (8), H606 (8), HH35 (18), H7N1 (18)
Queen Mary & West: HH36 (16)
UEA: H602 (12), H608 (10), H6N1 (12), H605 (20)
Glasgow: GH5P (14), FH36 (14), H616 (14), H6F3 (14), HH56 (14)
Reading: H600 (14), H601 (10)
Salford: HH56 (8), H620 (8), H671 (14), H600 (8), H610 (8), H6N1
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), HH56 (16), HH5P (16), HH5Q (16), HH65 (16), HH6M (16)
Surrey: HH56, HHM6, HHMP, HH5Q, HH5P
Swansea: H6H5 (14)
UMIST: H6R1 (18), HH36 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: HH56 (14)

ELECTRONICS
Birmingham: H601 (18)
Edinburgh: H617 (18)
Essex: H600 (12), H601 (12), H605 (22), H630 (8)
London, King's: H602 (18), H610 (18), H611 (18), H621 (18), HH36 (18)
Newcastle: H617 (8), H616 (8)
St Andrews: FH3P (12), FFH5 (12)
Ulster: H616 (14), F245 (12), F240 (14)
UMIST: H635 (18)

ENGINEERING
City: Y636 (14)
Edinburgh: H100 (18)
Exeter: J120, J100, F605
Leeds: H850 (12), H862 (12), HH36 (18)
Leicester: H106 (12), H101 (8), H100
Liverpool: BF92 (12), H100 (12), H1N1 (12), H102 (8), H1ND (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
London, UC: H130
Manchester: H2K1 (18), H2KC (18), J940 (18), J941 (18)
Queen Mary & West: H100 (10), H106 (10), H1F9 (10), H1N1 (10), H1R1 (10), H1R2 (10), H1R4 (10), J976 (6)
Salford: H6B8 (8)
Strathclyde: H1N1 (18)
Reading: H100 (14), H101 (10)
Ulster: H110
UMIST: H101 (8)

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Cranfield (Silsoe): H355
Hull: H694 (10)
Leeds: H8F9 (18), H8FX (12), J1F9 (14)
Liverpool: K240 (12), HK23 (12)
Surrey: H885, H880
Strathclyde: J972 (18)

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDIES
Bradford: H893, H605 (10), H392 (12)
Liverpool: H1N1 (12), H1NC (12), H1T2 (12), H1ND (8)
Queen Mary & West: H1N1 (10), H2N1 (10)

GENERAL ENGINEERING
Leicester: H100 (12)
UMIST: H101 (18)

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Cranfield (RMCS): H631 (12), H630 (12)
Hull: G560, G530, GH56
London, King's: G500 (18), G520 (18), G521 (18), G522 (18), G536 (18), G5H6 (18), G5HQ (18)
Surrey: H632, H630, H635, H631, H634
UMIST: G560 (16)
Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5R2 (14), GST4 (14)
Kent: H610 (8)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Bradford: H705 (8)
Strathclyde: H780 (20), H1N9 (16)
Liverpool: HH17 (12)
Manchester: H402 (22), H7N1 (18)
Hull: H764 (10)
Leeds: H780 (18)
London, King's: H710 (18)
Salford: H700 (8)
Ulster: H780 (14)
UMIST: H7N1 (24), H716 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: H716 (14)

MARINE ENGINEERING
Glasgow: HJ36 (10)
London, UC: HJ36 (20), J645 (18)
Newcastle: H350 (16), H351 (16), J620 (10), J621 (10), J600 (10), J601 (10), J610 (10), J611 (10)
Strathclyde: J610 (20), J600 (20)

MATERIALS, ENG, SCIENCE, TECH
London, Imperial: J525 (14)
Bath: J500 (8)
Birmingham: J5F2 (12)
Swansea: J500 (12)
Queen Mary & West: J550 (8), J5C1 (8)
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F200 (12), F2H6 (12), BF92, J520 (8)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
Manchester: J220 (12)
UMIST: J220 (12), J2B9 (12), J560 (16), J5N1 (16), J5R2 (16), J5R1 (16), J5H6 (18)
Surrey: J525, J520, J521, J524

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
City: H300 (12), H390 (24)
Cranfield (RMCS): H300 (14)
Edinburgh: H300 (CCC)
Leicester: H300 (12)
Queen Mary & West: H300 (12), H320 (12), H3R1 (10), H3R2 (10), H3R4 (10), HH36 (10)
Bradford: H300 (8), H392 (8), H390 (8-12), HH7J (10), HH73 (10), H393 (12), H705 (16), H706 (16), H303 (4)
Leeds: H3N1 (18), H300 (18)
Liverpool: H300 (12), H301 (12), H3N1 (12), H3NC (12), HH37 (12), HH73 (12), H310 (8)
London, UC: H300 (20), H340 (18), H301 (20)
Manchester: H300 (18), H301 (18), H302 (18), HH35 (18)
Glasgow: H300 (12), HH37 (12), HH36 (12)
Reading: H300 (14), H301 (10)
Salford: H300 (8)
Strathclyde: HH53 (22), H300 (18), H3H6 (18), H3J9 (18), H3J2 (18), H3H4 (18), H716 (20), H301 (20)
Surrey: H340, H341, H345, H346, H350, H351
Swansea: H300 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: H700 (14)
UMIST: HJ35 (18), H300 (18)

METALLURGY
Birmingham: JJ25 (12)
Leeds: J200 (12)
Liverpool: J200 (12)
Manchester: J200 (12)
Strathclyde: J200 (18)
Surrey: J205, J200, J201, J204
UMIST: J200 (12)

MINERALS
Leeds: J120 (12) J122 (4)
London, Imperial: H255 (20)

MINING
Exeter: J100
Leeds: J100 (12)
London, Imperial: J100 (14)
Nottingham: J100

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING
London, Imperial: J171 (20)

POLYMERS
Manchester: J447 (12)
Queen Mary & West: J400
UMIST: J447 (12)

SURVEYING: BUILDING
Reading: K260 (20)

SURVEYING: QUANTITY
Bath: K280 (16)
Reading: K280 (20)
Ulster: K280 (18)

TECHNOLOGIES
Essex: F3N1 (8)
Glasgow: H111 (8)

TEXTILES
Leeds: NJ14 (14), J460 (12), J446 (12), WJ24 (16)
UMIST: J4N1 (16), J4W2 (18), J4NY (18), J4ND (16), J4T9 (16), J4NC (16), J4N9 (16), JJ49 (16), J4TX (16)

PCAS

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING
Hertfordshire: H400, H408, H430, H438
Humberside: H400, H620
Kingston: H400
NE Wales Inst: H400 (2), H420 (2)
Coventry: H400

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Westminster: G590

BUILDING/ CONSTRUCTION
Buckinghamshire Coll: K299
Central Lancashire: K201, K260
Coventry: H260, H2T2
De Montfort: K214 (10)
De Montfort (MK): K100 (14)
Dundee Inst: K250 (4)
Glasgow Caledonian: K290
Greenwich: KN21
Hertfordshire: KN2C
Luton: Y400, K201
Leeds Metro: K250
Middlesex: KN21
Nene Coll: K200
Northumbria: K200
Nottingham Trent: K200
Oxford Brookes: K200
Plymouth: K100
Sheffield Hallam: K472
Robert Gordon: K100
Westminster: K236, K200, K472
Wolverhampton: KN28
Southampton Inst: K252, K258
South Bank: K252, K258, K202, K2H7

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING
Coventry: K2T2
Hertfordshire: K240, K248
Northumbria: K240
South Bank: K240

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: M9G5
Kingston: G562
Luton: Y400
N London: Y100, G5N1
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Teesside: G562
Greenwich: G932
Buckinghamshire Coll: G562
Staffordshire: G562
Central Lancs: GN51
De Montfort: G561

CERAMICS
Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, HJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
South Bank: H800, H808
Teesside: H800
Huddersfield: F1H8

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Hertfordshire: H200, H208
Kingston: H200
Nottingham Trent: H208
NE Wales Inst: H200 (2)
Brighton: H200 (12)
Wolverhampton: HN28, H263, H2N1
Teesside: H200
Coventry: H260, H2T2, H208
Greenwich: H200
Glasgow Caledonian: H200
Plymouth: H200
Westminster: H200
Dundee Inst: H200 (10)
Oxford Brookes: H200
Portsmouth: H200
Sheffield, Hallam: H200
Sunderland: H201

COMBINED STUDIES (ENGINEERING)
De Montfort: Y400
Derby: HF19
Hertfordshire: Y100
Luton: Y400
Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), (CS), (DT), (DY), (EE), (MA)
Teesside: H108
Coventry: H100
N London: Y100

COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING
Humberside: H520
N London: H62A, H620
Northumbria: H620
E London: H620
Portsmouth: H620
Nene Coll: G560
Staffordshire: H620, H628
Greenwich: H620
Robert Gordon: H620
Plymouth: H620
Coventry: H620
Salford Coll: H998

COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING
Wolverhampton: Y600 (CD), GW52
Glasgow, Caledonian: H161
South Bank: H161
Buckinghamshire Coll: H161
Staffordshire: H110, H118, H161
Sheffield, Hallam: H161

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
Teesside: H611
Westminster: H611
South Bank: H580
Swansea Inst: H610
Oxford Brookes: G501
E London: H610
Robert Gordon: H610
Greenwich: GH66, H620, G501, G500, G700, H610, H620
De Montfort: G500

CONTROL ENGINEERING
Westminster: H640
E London: H610

DIGITAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Luton: G532
Sunderland: H611

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Teesside: H500
Greenwich: H580, H588
Humberside: H100
South Bank: H580, H588, H512
Dundee Inst: H500 (4), H580 (4)
E London: H580
Portsmouth: H580
Leeds Metro: H580
Hertfordshire: H580, H588
Nottingham Trent: H580, H588
Brighton: H580 (4)
Robert Gordon: H580, H581
Sunderland: H580
NE Wales Inst: H580
De Montfort: H500
Staffordshire: H501, H508, H500
Coventry: H580
Plymouth: H580

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
De Montfort: H600
Hertfordshire: H580, H588
Brighton: H580 (4)
Sheffield Hallam: H660, H669
Robert Gordon: H620, H610, H580, H581
NE Wales Inst: H580
N London: H620
Northumbria: H611, H692
Teesside: H600
Central Lancashire: H600
Greenwich: H580, H588 H600
Glasgow Caledonian: H600
Northumbria: H580, H620
Westminster: H600
Plymouth: H603
South Bank: H580, H5T2
Humberside: H520
Sunderland: H580
Swansea Inst: H600, H580
Staffordshire: H600, H601, H608
Dundee Inst: H600, H580 (4)
Oxford Brookes: H580
E London: H580
Portsmouth: H611, H580
Leeds Metro: H580
Univ of C England: H600, H608
Middlesex: H600
Coventry: H580

ELECTRONICS
Hertfordshire: B800, B808, Y100
Nottingham Trent: GH56
N London: H600
Southampton Inst: H6N1, H6NC
Central Lancashire: H699, H588
Gwent Coll: H642 (4)
Kingston: H603, H6G5
Cardiff Inst: H601
Swansea Inst: J999
Dundee Inst: H680, F3H6
Oxford Brookes: H600
Staffordshire: FH16, FH63, FH66, GH46, GM56, HJ36, HL68
Coventry: H640
Middlesex: HN61
Plymouth: HN61
Cardiff Inst: H601
Thames Valley: HN61

ENERGY STUDIES
Coventry: H599, H199

ENGINEERING
Sheffield Hallam: F399, H391, H999
Robert Gordon: H611
Central Lancashire: H308
De Montfort: H100
Salford Coll: H199 (10), H780, H611
Bournemouth: H699
Dundee Inst: H100
Oxford Brookes: H100
Portsmouth: H100, H603, H770, F612, H108
Univ of C England: H100, H1R2, H108
Plymouth: H390, H100, H108, H101, H199
Staffordshire: H770
Southampton Inst: J950, J958
Hertfordshire: H121

ENGINEERING PRODUCT DESIGN
Sheffield Hallam: H161, H130
South Bank: H770, H778
Staffordshire: H778
Sunderland: HN71
Univ of C England: H770
Teesside: H811
Swansea Inst: H770

ENGINEERING SYSTEMS
Wolverhampton: H660
South Bank: H100, H108
Portsmouth: H603
Plymouth: H611

ENGINEERING WITH BUSINESS STUDIES
Hertfordshire: H121, H128
Robert Gordon: N131
Sheffield Hallam: H120
Southampton Inst: H120, H128
Greenwich: HN11
Bournemouth: H120
Portsmouth: H120

ENGINEERING WITH MODERN LANGUAGES
Univ of C England: H6R2

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Brighton: H250 (12)
Dundee Inst: F910 (4)
Portsmouth: H250
Middlesex: F950
Robert Gordon: H900
Sunderland: H250

FOOD TECHNOLOGY
Sheffield Hallam: N700
South Bank: H810, N788

FOUNDATION ENGINEERING
Brighton: H108
Kingston: H108
Sunderland: H108
Central Lancs: H308

INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Central Lancashire: G560
De Montfort: N1H7
Westminster: H120
Univ of C England: G568

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES
Nottingham Trent: N611, N618
Sheffield Hallam: N611

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Sheffield Hallam: G561, G564
Luton: G582
Teesside: H640
Greenwich: G561
Glasgow Caledonian: G561
Westminster: H610
Univ of C England: G560
E London: G561
Nene Coll: G599
Buckinghamshire Coll: G569
Staffordshire: G561, G5R1, G5R2, G5R4, GK52, GR52, GV54, MG95, N111, RG45
Coventry: H610
Plymouth: GP52
Derby: B995, G561

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Sheffield Hallam: G599, H560, H563
N London: G560
Teesside: G560
South Bank: H580
Staffordshire: G560, G568
Sunderland: G560
Glasgow Caledonian: F1G5
De Montfort: G560, G562

INTEGRATED ENGINEERING
Nottingham Trent: H100, H108
Sheffield Hallam: H100
Portsmouth: H1N1
Sunderland: H110

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Glasgow Caledonian: NH17
Salford Coll: H100, H780, H703
Cardiff Inst: H7N1
Greenwich: H110
Middlesex: H780, H7N1, HN71
Plymouth: H782
Coventry: H780, H700
Leeds Metro: H780
Hertfordshire: H780, H788
Kingston: H780
NE Wales: H716 (4), H780 (2), H7N1 (2)
Northumbria: H780
Nottingham Trent: H700, H708
Wolverhampton: H780, HN71
Teesside: HN71
Univ of C England: H7N1, H7N8
E London: H781, H780
Portsmouth: H700
Staffordshire: H7N1, H7N8, H788
Sunderland: H780

MARITIME ENGINEERING
Southampton Inst: F910, F918, F900, F908, N960, N968, J699, J698

MATERIALS STUDIES
Sheffield Hallam: J500, J510
NE Wales Inst: J500
Northumbria: J500
Portsmouth: H770
Sunderland: J500
Greenwich: JJ25
Nene Coll: J430

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
De Montfort: H300
Hertfordshire: H300, H308
Humberside: H100
Kingston: H300
NE Wales Inst: H300
Nottingham Trent: H300, H308
Brighton: H300 (10)
Sheffield Hallam: H392
Robert Gordon: H300, H399
Teesside: H300
Central Lancashire: H300
Greenwich: H300, H308
Northumbria: H300
Westminster: H300
South Bank: H300, H308, H307
Univ of C England: H300, H308
Dundee Inst: H300
Oxford Brookes: H300
Portsmouth: H300
Sunderland: H300
Staffordshire: H300, H308, H390
Plymouth: H300
Coventry: H300
Middlesex: H300

METALLURGY
Greenwich: JJ25

MICROELECTRONICS
Kingston: F3H6
Northumbria: H611, FH36
Bournemouth: HG65
Salford Coll: H611
Middlesex: H6H7

MINING
Sheffield Hallam: J152

OFFSHORE ENGINEERING
Robert Gordon: H399

PLANNING
Coventry: K420, KY45
South Bank: K440, K448
Westminster: K460, K4R1, K4R2

POLYMERS/MATERIALS SCIENCE
N London: J440
Coventry: J440, F1J4

PRINTING
London Inst: J530

PRODUCTION/ INDUSTRIAL ENG
Wolverhampton: H700
Middlesex: H799
South Bank: HN71
Derby: H120

ROBOTICS
Plymouth: H6N1

SOFTWARE ENG
Sheffield Hallam: G530, G534
Teesside: G530
Central Lancashire: G530
Westminster: G530
South Bank: G500
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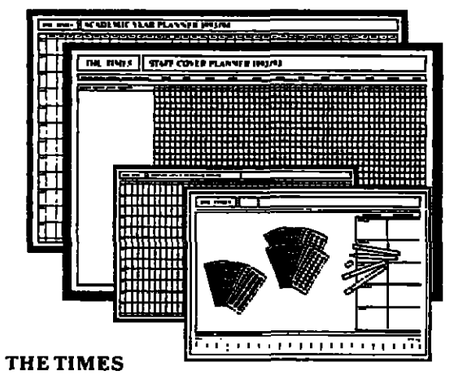
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UN chief vows war criminals in Bosnia will face tribunal

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN GENEVA

WAR criminals in former Yugoslavia, as well as their commanders, will be brought to justice and face international legal action, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, said yesterday, promising UN support for an international war crimes tribunal.

"The action of the UN to protect civilian victims of the war has taken a legal dimension, which is a considerable innovation to judge the people responsible for the violation of human rights in former Yugoslavia ... we will put on trial those who have contributed to civilian suffering and it will not be forgiven," he said. "The tribunal will deal not only with the people accused of committing the crimes, but also those who inspired the human rights violations."

The war crimes tribunal will be based on Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which gives the legal basis for the court, Dr Boutros Ghali said, as well as the Geneva conventions and the legal principles of the Nuremberg trials of leading Nazis and concentration camp commanders.

The international community must now not only maintain peace between states, but also deal with wars between peoples that fight each other inside the same country, he said. "It is these new conflicts that are the greatest threat to human rights. Today's civilian populations are becoming the main targets and we have to denounce it ... civilians are being bombed, starved and mistreated and children are targeted by killers in the shadows."

Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross opened a three-day conference here which plans to draft a declaration confirming that signatories will adhere to the Geneva conventions of 1949, which safeguard the rights of prisoners and civilians during wars. Forty ministers are among officials from 160 states at the conference, as the Red Cross mourns the deaths of three of its workers, killed in Tajikistan and Sierre Leone. Several officials represented countries accused by human rights organisations of abuses, such as Indonesia, China and Croatia.

"Entire civilian populations have been displaced, becoming victims of revenge ... and struck by indiscriminate bombings," Cornelio Sommaragua, the Red Cross president said.

The organisation is seeking universal ratification of two protocols to a 1977 treaty which extend protection to any person affected by war. Britain, Israel, South Africa, and the United States are among the countries which have not signed the protocols, the Red Cross said. The rump Yugoslavia refused an invitation to take part as an observer in the talks, but officials from Bosnia were expected to attend.



A Bosnian-Serb soldier carefully setting an anti-personnel tripwire mine yesterday near the village of Trebava, about nine miles southeast of Doboj in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina, where there has been sporadic fighting

Geneva talks delayed

BY ADAM LEBOR

THE Geneva peace talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina were postponed for a day until this morning after President Izetbegovic of Bosnia had difficulty leaving Sarajevo, the besieged capital. John Mills, spokesman for the talks, said: "There has not been a refusal on the part of any party to come. President Izetbegovic has had problems with transport."

The talks will resume against a background of uncertainty over the proposal to divide the country into the union of Republics of Bosnia/Herzegovina. Under the plan, the country will be divided into three ethnic mini-states, giving Bosnian Serbs 52.5 per cent of territory, Bosnian Croats 17.5 per cent, and the Muslim-led Bosnia government 30 per cent.

All three sides discussed the plan. Bosnian Serbs approved the map, Bosnian Croats said they would declare their own republic and call for changes in the borders while the Bosnian government said the plan was a good starting point but demanded return of territory and called for access to the sea.

The world must help if Muslims are to survive



History's examples of partition offer Bosnia's Muslims little comfort if they must still fight alone, ***Lawrence Freedman*** *writes*

Left to itself the Bosnian war would end with the country divided between Serbs and Croats, the bulk going to the former, pending a merger with their parent states. The Muslims would suffer the fate of victim populations through the ages — extermination, subjugation or dispersal.

With the odds stacked so heavily against them in the local balance of power, the Muslims can only confound this grim logic with outside help. This is as true now as it was 18 months ago. The international community would have preferred the Bosnian government, which it recognised in 1992, to have created a unitary multi-ethnic state. It was prepared to back this up with diplomatic and economic sanctions.

The fate of this secular vision was, however, to be decided on the ground and here the necessary support was not forthcoming. Instead virtue was found in helping the Bosnian people eke out an existence even as their state was wrecked around them.

The focus on humanitarian aid has, however, shifted international interest from a just settlement to just any settlement. The Bosnian government has been encouraged to recognise the inevitable and accept partition based on ethnic exclusivity.

Having succeeded in this dubious task, the European Community and the United Nations still cannot describe a workable arrangement for partition with space for Muslims who say the Owen-Stoltenberg plan gives too much to the Serbs. The Serbs can most readily survive the plan's collapse and would do so by pressing home their military advantage. Who would try to stop them if hopes for peace were dashed by Muslim intransigence?

The mediators are not, however, offering a peace-plan; it is at best a glorifed cease-fire. The Bosnian government would be left in charge of blobs of territory with few natural borders and its main cities either in semi-detached enclaves or administered by international organisations.

Mostar was allocated to the EC without consultation and apparently to balance the UN's responsibility for Sarajevo.

There is no precedent for a political entity of this nature surviving in a hostile environment. In some conflicts, partition can produce a sort of stability. However, the most durable examples involve two parts with a clear dividing line. In Korea and, until recently, Germany, the key difference between the two parts was the ideological rather than ethnic composition of the government.

Other partitions have been less successful. The borders of Israel in 1948 invited attack by its Arab neighbours and the new state could not survive until it had redrawn the map by force of arms. British rule in India ended with a bloody partition. The ethnically-based Muslim state — Pakistan — was allocated two large but separated chunks of territory.

Ownership of Kashmir, which was not unambiguously resolved, has led to a series of wars between the two states and remains in dispute. West Pakistan failed to merge effectively with the East which eventually rebelled, leading to the creation of Bangladesh.

Perhaps the most appropriate precedent for Bosnia-Herzegovina would be the Paris agreement of 1973 which allowed the United States to abandon the Saigon government, leaving it notionally in charge of bits of South Vietnam which it was not able to sustain in the face of an offensive by the communists in 1974.

Not surprisingly the Bosnian government wants more international guarantees before it signs up to the Owen-Stoltenberg plan. How, for example, will the corridor which links Gorazde with the beleaguered Zepa and Srebrenica be kept open?

The demands for troops to police the settlement are not as great as they would have been with the more ambitious Vance-Owen plan, but a credible peacekeeping force would still be substantial. It is hard to see how it could be put together unless the United States comes up with at least 20,000 troops. It would be pointless to pretend to any government that this could be a short-term commitment.

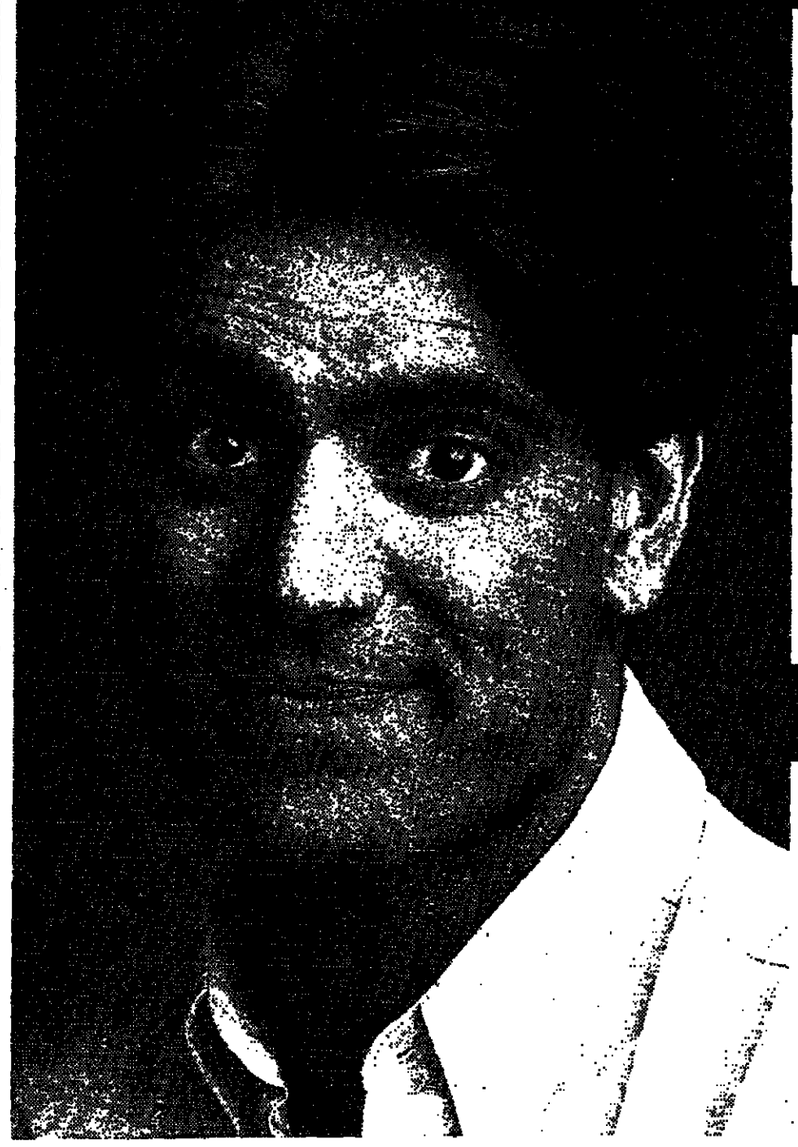
Only a start has been made on thinking through the civilian implications of accepting responsibility for Sarajevo and Mostar. Who is going to pay for their reconstruction? What will the relationship be between these cities and the rest of Bosnia? There are ways in which the rump Bosnia can be squeezed economically without new hostilities, perhaps forcing the population to congregate around the international cities.

The dilemma remains the same. The international community cannot meet its responsibilities through half-measures. If the division of Bosnia into Croatian and Serbian parts is to be resisted, then it must accept a Muslim part as an effective protectorate.

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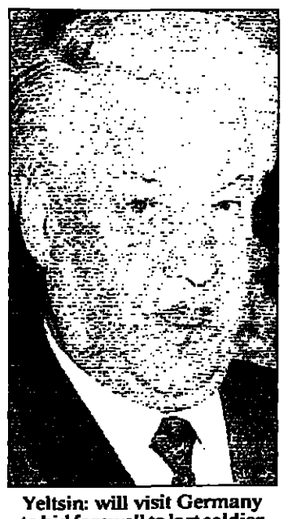
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Unhappy returns as a ragamuffin Red Army packs its bags



Yeltsin: will visit Germany to bid farewell to last soldier

The rapid withdrawal of former Soviet troops condemns thousands of army families to homelessness and unemployment, ***Roger Boyes*** *writes from Fürstenberg*

SEPTEMBER is the decisive month for the ragamuffin Red Army as it packs up its bags, says farewell to the old Warsaw Pact front line and heads reluctantly for home. Despite the clash of cymbals and the lively pulse of the bass drum, the ex-Soviet soldiers packing up at their garrison in Fürstenberg at the weekend were not in celebratory mood. The great retreat from Germany is in full swing and most are returning to unemployment and tent cities, scarcely better than refugee camps in the West.

Captain Grigori Kachantschik was supervising the loading of military crates belonging to about 2,000 families connected to the second tank-guard regiment. "I gave my best 20 years to the homeland and before I was posted to Germany I saw my family only occasionally," he said. "It was good here. And now they tell me I can return to the homeland. Very generous."

The regiment is moving to a site near Kazan on the banks of the Volga and it is already clear that life will not be the easy billet of Germany. The German-Turkish joint venture charged with building their new apartments began work only six months ago. The first housing will not be available before June 1994. And even then there will be no school, no hospital and no bakery. It will be a winter under canvas for most of the families from Fürstenberg.

In Germany, most of the officers lived in small villas confiscated in 1945. This September all the returning officers must decide whether they will serve in the Russian army or whether they will return to their native republic. Captain Kachantschik, a Belorussian from a tiny remote village, knows there is no choice: "There is no work and no apartment waiting in my village. I stay with the army."

So far 442,000 soldiers and civilian employees have left eastern Germany — 80 per cent of the original troop strength. There are already plans for President Yeltsin to visit Germany next year to see off the very last Russian soldier.

But the pace of withdrawal is creating immense social problems and the soldiers remaining in Germany (and in Poland) quickly hear of them. Morale is low. Colonel-General Matvei Burlakov, the commander of the Russian troops in Germany, publicly blamed the Germans at the weekend.

"The Germans are insisting on the tight withdrawal schedule, but they are not helping us by accelerating the building programme," he said. He estimated the number of homeless army families at 16,000.

This figure is clearly set to grow. Last year according to Russian figures, the Germans built only 2,200 apartments in Russia while the Russian authorities themselves completed 8,700; not nearly enough.

German officials deny that they are responsible for the delay. They blame arguments between the different former Soviet republics.

Fürstenberg, after the Red Army withdrawal, will return to its old status: a quiet village with a population of 5,500. There is some relief about the departure of the Russians. During the communist days, drunken Russian soldiers would rape or steal, and though the soldiers were partially punished by their own military courts, there was no compensation and, of course, no publicity. But those who made a living from the Soviets will certainly miss the departing army.

☐ **Moscow:** Valeri Skurlatov, a hardline nationalist opposition leader, has claimed that 70 per cent of President Yeltsin's cabinet are homosexual, linked to dangerous foreign homosexual groups and motivated by "a hostility to healthy people". The Yeltsin administration has not made any reply to the allegations.

Moscow: Russia is to withdraw its remaining 2,500 troops from Lithuania today (Anne McElvoy writes). President Brazauskas said on radio that he had reached agreement with President Yeltsin over the timing of the evacuation.

"I felt the desire of all Lithuanians that the Russian army should be withdrawn as soon as possible without giving up our main positions. We managed to do this, although last week it seemed that our relations had worsened considerably," he said.

Mr Brazauskas was referring to Lithuanian claims for compensation arising from the 50-year Russian occupation. Vilnius has been rumoured to be seeking £97.3 billion from Moscow but the Lithuanian leader's cautious comments suggest he has agreed not to pursue the matter.

Angolans trapped by war face fight against starvation

FROM JUDITH MATLOFF IN GANDA, ANGOLA

■ **With public attention fixed on Bosnia and Somalia, tens of thousands of forgotten Angolans may be killed by famine**

ANGOLAN government forces pushing towards Huambo, the central highlands headquarters of Unita, killed more than 2,000 of its rebel fighters over the past week, the government newspaper *Journal de Angola* said yesterday.

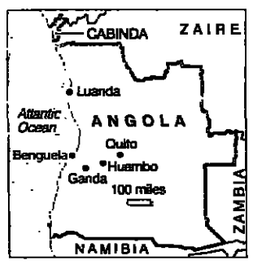
A military source said the casualties were inflicted on three fronts in battles for Tchidjenje, Monte Belo, Balombo and Quilengues.

Aid workers complain that the deaths of tens of thousands of Angolans in the 11 months since rebels from Unita — the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — took up arms again after their electoral defeat last year have been eclipsed by greater world interest in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Somalia. "The number of civilians suffering from effects of the war is just as great as in Bosnia," said James Fennell, of Care. "We can prevent another Somalia. If we get food in now we won't have mass starvation like in Somalia and Ethiopia."

In the villages near Ganda, southwest of Huambo, children in rags with bloated bellies showed signs of chronic and severe malnutrition. A young girl struggled to stay on her feet. Heavy artillery fire rang out from several miles away.

Nobody knows how many people have died from direct or indirect effects of the war. Many diplomats and aid workers believe at least 50,000 have perished. Estimates of the daily death toll range from 100 to 1,000 but everyone agrees that many of these deaths could have been prevented if food and medicine reached the needy. Up to two million people — one-fifth of the population — have been displaced by fighting and face starvation, aid workers said.

"Due to the fighting we can't get the supplies to the people who need it most," said Mercedes Sayaguez, spokeswoman for the United Nations World Food Programme, which has been spearheading efforts to feed more than half a million people. Most of the victims have been civilians, many trapped in government-held cities besieged by Unita. The worst fighting has been in the central highlands, especially in Huambo and Quito, where many people estimate 14,000 have died in a seven-month siege.



Unita controls about 80 per cent of Angola and cities such as Luanda and Benguela, on the government-held eastern coast, have been overwhelmed by refugees. Benguela's general hospital is filled to three times its capacity by war wounded, many of them crying from the lack of painkillers and antibiotics. Land mines are strewn across the country and Angola has one of the highest rates of amputation in the world.

Due to low resistance from severe malnutrition, children have been struck by easily preventable diseases. Since January, in Benguela there have been 350 registered cases of children dying from measles, malaria and gastric illnesses.

Fighting also international efforts to supply aid. Unita has fired at several UN planes and overland travel is hampered by mines and ruined roads. *(Reuter)*

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George Burns, the 97-year-old American comedian, with actress Sharon Stone, his escort at the taping of a television special *Comedy Hall of Fame* in his honour. The event was held in Beverly Hills, California

NEWS IN BRIEF

Waco raid officials 'blundered'

New York: Officials who launched the abortive raid on the Branch Davidian cult compound in Waco, Texas, in February were guilty of a series of errors before, during and after the building burst into flames with massive loss of life, according to an internal investigation (Ben Macintyre writes).

Four federal agents and at least six cult members were killed when 75 armed agents of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to storm the fortified compound. Most cult members died with David Koresh, their leader, at the end of the 51-day siege.

ANC apologises for abuses

Johannesburg: The leaders of the African National Congress have accepted "collective responsibility" for human rights abuses at now defunct detention camps and apologised to all who suffered. But they said punishment and assessment of compensation should be left to a "truth commission", set up by the government.

Nigeria strikes

Lagos: Motorists seraching for petrol mobbed garages and passengers were stranded as airlines cancelled flights while a strike against Nigeria's new government created transportation havoc across the country. *(AP)*

Asylum sought

Miami: Mexico cleared the way for eight Cuban refugees to seek exile in the United States after it had deported them to Cuba and then flew them back. Protests over the deportation threatened a new American trade treaty.

Haiti change

Washington: Robert Malval has been sworn in as Haiti's prime minister by the exiled president, Jean Bertrand-Aristide, moving the nation one step closer to the restoration of a democratic government. *(Reuter)*

Gunmen kill 21

Brasilia: Hooded gunmen invaded a Rio de Janeiro shantytown and opened fire on residents, killing 21 people, television news reported. The killings came a day after four police officers were shot dead there. *(Reuter)*

Excess baggage

Paris: A 287lb actress is protesting at the "discriminatory" policies of a French airline for demanding that she buy two tickets because she occupies two seats. Anne Zamberlan and her assistant, also large, took the train. *(AP)*

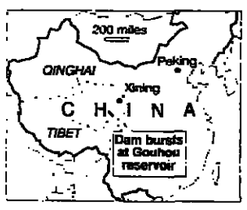
Disaster at dam casts shadow over Yangtze project

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR

THE breaching of the Gouhou reservoir dam in China's western Qinghai province, in which more than 400 people are believed to have drowned, has revived doubts about the building of another huge dam in the Yangtze.

About 263 were confirmed dead after Friday's disaster and at least 180 were still missing, a local police official said yesterday. "More bodies may still be under water or in the wreckage... It is very hard to be able to give a final figure now," he said.

A spokesman at the regional flood prevention office said the death toll would probably rise as rescue work continued in Gonghe county, about 60 miles west of the provincial capital of Xining. "People are still working hard," the spokesman said. "Both the army and the police have hundreds of people at the scene."



Water breached the 200ft dam late on Friday, unleashing torrents of water on small peasant communities downstream. At least 330 people were receiving medical treatment and many others are believed to have been affected.

The break in the dam, which officials said was about ten years old, hit one of China's most remote areas, where a mixed population of Chinese and Tibetans struggle to coax a living from an arid plateau. The Gonghe area was hit by an earthquake in 1990 and is believed to lie close to seismic fault lines.

Gouhou is only 30 miles from Longyangxia, the biggest dam in the country. Both dams, designed to carry electric power down the Yellow River valley to east and south China, lie in an area crisscrossed by faults and subject to desertification, which has also experienced significant earthquakes. The Gouhou dam had a storage capacity of 3.3 million cubic metres. Longyangxia's capacity is 247 billion cubic metres. Preliminary estimates put economic losses at more than £11 million.

Qinghai province was originally Amdo, a part of Tibet and the birthplace of the Dalai Lama. More than half its 130,000 people are now Chinese. Qinghai is also the site of China's vast gulag, where hundreds of thousands of political and other prisoners have been sent, many forbidden to leave even after they have finished their sentences.

The Longyangxia dam was started in 1987 and completed two years later. Its five generators are each designed to produce 320,000 kilowatts. It cost the lives of more than 100 of its 15,600 workers.

For several years the Chinese press has been reporting the building of hydroelectric power stations and dams along the upper reaches of the Yellow River. The small population was an advantage; few people would be displaced. Plans are now being made for damming the Yangtze gorges, and at least a million people will be moved. Many Chinese and foreign experts are sceptical of the efficacy of such enormous dams, which are often little more than a display of nationalist pride.

Southeast states wait for Emily

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE southeastern United States was braced yesterday for another onslaught as Hurricane Emily zigzagged its way towards the coast. The storm's full force was expected to hit land today and the 80mph winds may increase to 110mph.

More than 100,000 people were ordered to evacuate the Outer Banks, a group of small islands off North Carolina. On Sunday the National Hurricane Centre declared a hurricane watch along 450 miles of coast, from Charleston, South Carolina, to Delaware.

Emily's predicted point of impact is 50 miles north of Charleston. Many homes are barricaded and people have stockpiled supplies.

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Russia concludes coincidences and errors led to attack on Korean jet

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

TEN years ago tomorrow Korean Airlines flight 007, with 269 people on board, was shot down by a Soviet fighter in what President Yeltsin's chief of staff said yesterday has been proved to be "a tragic accident".

Sergei Filatov, who heads a Russian state commission investigating the incident, said it had concluded that Soviet air defence forces in the Russian Far East genuinely believed they were dealing with an American spy plane. "It turns out that the Soviet Union bares no guilt for this incident," Mr Filatov said. "The tragedy was the result of a chain of mistakes and coincidences, and not of deliberate, malicious intent."

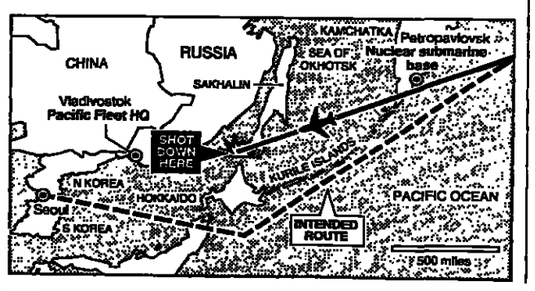
The Korean Boeing 747 was shot down over the sea off the Soviet island of Sakhalin, north of Japan. The tragedy caused international outrage and strengthened the hand of Ronald Reagan, then president, and Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister, in pursuing tough anti-Soviet policies.

Mr Reagan and some other Western figures always maintained that the Soviet high command had knowingly shot down a civilian airliner. The Soviet government of the time claimed that the airliner, which had strayed at least 350 miles from its set course and penetrated a Soviet security zone, was either on a spying mission or acting as a cover for an American spy plane sighted further north earlier in the day.

According to Mr Filatov's commission, the local Soviet command thought the airliner was a second American plane coming to refuel the first. A fighter caught up with it, tried to signal by radio, fired a brief burst of warning shots and when there was no response fired a missile which sent the jet into a nine-minute spiral into the sea. Apparently the airliner's radio was blocked by a transmission from flight control in Tokyo, and the pilot did not see the shots because the plane was climbing.

During Mr Yeltsin's visit to South Korea last year, when Russia was anxious for closer contacts with Seoul, he said the shooting was "the criminal act of a criminal regime". Last week Russian officials rejected a Korean compensation claim, saying that since the flight error was the fault of the KAL crew, Korean Airlines should pay all the damages.

In another sign of cooling relations, the South Korean government announced yesterday that it is suspending the remaining $1.53 billion (£1 billion) portion of a loan and aid package to Russia because Moscow has defaulted on earlier repayments.



Countryside customs survive onslaught by les Parisiens

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THIS year, more than ever, the French communed with their rural roots, savouring the charms of a hinterland which is held to be fast falling victim to modernity and the forces of Maastricht.

The much-talked about "desertification" is certainly happening in many regions, as fields fall fallow and village life withers. But judging from the chestnut-laden valleys in the Cevennes, on the southern edge of the Massif Central, there is hope yet that the old life can adapt and survive, albeit in a way the purists might abhor.

If it does, it will be thanks to the efforts of people such as Etienne Lauriol, the mayor of St Germain de Calberte, the village district where I acquired an abandoned farmhouse three years ago. It was M Lauriol, an elderly communist, who turned up with M Orlandini, the old water diviner, this month to rescue us when our spring ran dry. A few years ago, the natives might just have laughed at the folly of the foreigners who had descended in their midst.

We are not talking here of Provence or the other glamorous areas by the Mediterranean littoral, but of the poorest *département* in France, the Lozère. A little like a sunny version of the Scottish Highlands, the Lozère had its own clearances after the Protestant uprising of the early 18th century and, in the southern part, the steep valleys of abandoned farms and overgrown chestnut forests are still haunted by the memory of bloodshed and poverty.

Over the past two decades, however, the hamlets and lone farms have begun to revive, or fall victim, depending on your view, to outsiders, generically known as *les Parisiens*, who have descended in pursuit of the rural idyll and majestic scenery. Resentment from the natives was inevitable, as ecological-minded *citadins* tried to turn their hands to goat-rearing and stone-masonry.

Our buildings, for example, bear the scars of the ten-year tenure of a maths teacher from Bordeaux, who was clearly unskilled in the manual arts. The recent takeover of an entire deserted hamlet by two dozen Dutch families stirred much grumbling. But gradually the locals have come round to the notion that their life and landscape is a marketable asset and are accepting the new blood as an economic lifeline.

In summer, the villages bustle with part-time Cevennols and hikers, many on the trail of the district's most celebrated visitor, Robert Louis Stevenson. Local entrepreneurs offer a rent-a-donkey service for intrepid types who want to follow in RLS's footsteps.

Jean-Claude, M Lauriol's son, a peasant farmer, began taking in paying city-dwellers for the summer, although he was put out when his first batch of Parisians announced after one hour that they could not stand the isolation and were heading for the comforts of the Mediterranean. Shielding visitors from rural terrors involves some concessions.

The donkey-paths along the rugged valleys are well sign-posted and numbered and the nerves of easily flustered visitors caused M Lauriol to apply for an early start to the September hunting season this year. Too many *sangliers* (wild boar) had been wandering around the village in broad daylight.

With no airports or high-speed trains and tortuous mountain roads, the Cevennes will never be afflicted by the package trade, but the transition to rural tourism requires a delicate hand to preserve the old fabric. For the moment, the influx has left the old ways intact.

The locals are not exactly from the Mayle school of colourful natives. Pierre, the builder, is a trainee violin-maker from Quebec, the man shovelling the gravel hails from Poland and communicates only in Spanish. Denis, the tree-pruner is the son of a Dordogne château-owner and Chris, the mason, moved from south London two years ago with the aim of opening the first karate school in the Cevennes.

We are hoping to see a few of our true native neighbours when the peasant farmers come up to blockade Paris with their tractors on September 15.

The occupied territories deal, far from defusing tensions, may spark further violence

Jerusalem and the settlers blocking path to lasting peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ The mood of optimism in the Middle East is tempered by the realisation that complex issues must be negotiated to achieve peace, but the momentum is growing

AMID the rare optimism injected into the Middle East peace process by the impending deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on limited self-rule was a realisation that much hard bargaining lies ahead before any lasting solution to the 45-year Arab-Israeli problem is in place.

The mood of optimism was shadowed by a realistic assessment that even limited deals are open to sabotage by Jewish and Arab hardliners who have repeatedly vowed violent opposition to the ideals for achieving peace set out in Madrid in 1991.

The Clinton administration stands to reap a welcome benefit if the Israeli-Palestinian draft declaration of principles is signed, for having held firm to its role as broker and for providing a significant stimulus when the parties despaired of finding peace. The dogged diplomacy of Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, was credited with giving impetus to the deal by White House officials yesterday, particularly during his visit to the Middle East at the end of July. Mr Christopher went to Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Israel, spreading the balm of reassurance at each stop.

The most complex issue remains that of east Jerusalem, captured by Israeli forces in June 1967 and now declared part of its indivisible capital. The Palestinians are insistent that it should be their capital of any future independent state. Discussion has been effectively postponed to enable the "Gaza-Jericho First" option to be signed after details are worked out in Washington. This has been the main reason why Palestinian radicals and some Palestinians closer to the PLO executive have accused Yassir Arafat, the chairman, of a "sellout". A small number on Israel's far left have begun to campaign for the redivision of the city as

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the only workable solution, but this self-styled "peace bloc" has found little support, even inside the Labour government of Yitzak Rabin.

The presence of tens of thousands of armed Jewish settlers will also make any extension of the first stage of the self-rule plan hard to achieve. Most Jews do not have the biblical attachment to the Gaza Strip that the settlers have to the West Bank, an area they refer to as Judaea and Samaria.

Despite the problems and the threats of violent retaliation from both the Jewish and Arab camps, there was hope in some Arab circles yesterday that obstacles to future peace agreements between Israel and Syria, Lebanon and Jordan as well as the Palestinians may well be diminished.

Apart from the value of an agreement on Gaza and Jericho as a confidence building measure, its signing could ease resistence by Jordan, Lebanon and Syria towards reaching separate peace deals with Israel. Diplomatic reports suggest that Jordan and Israel have already come close to dispelling all the differences which would prevent them signing a treaty. Syria remains anxious to win back the Golan Heights peacefully and Lebanon, with 40,000 Syrian troops on its soil, is expected to follow whatever line is taken by Damascus. Hopes for an Israeli-Syrian accord have been raised in recent weeks by their restraint against tit-for-tat military killings.

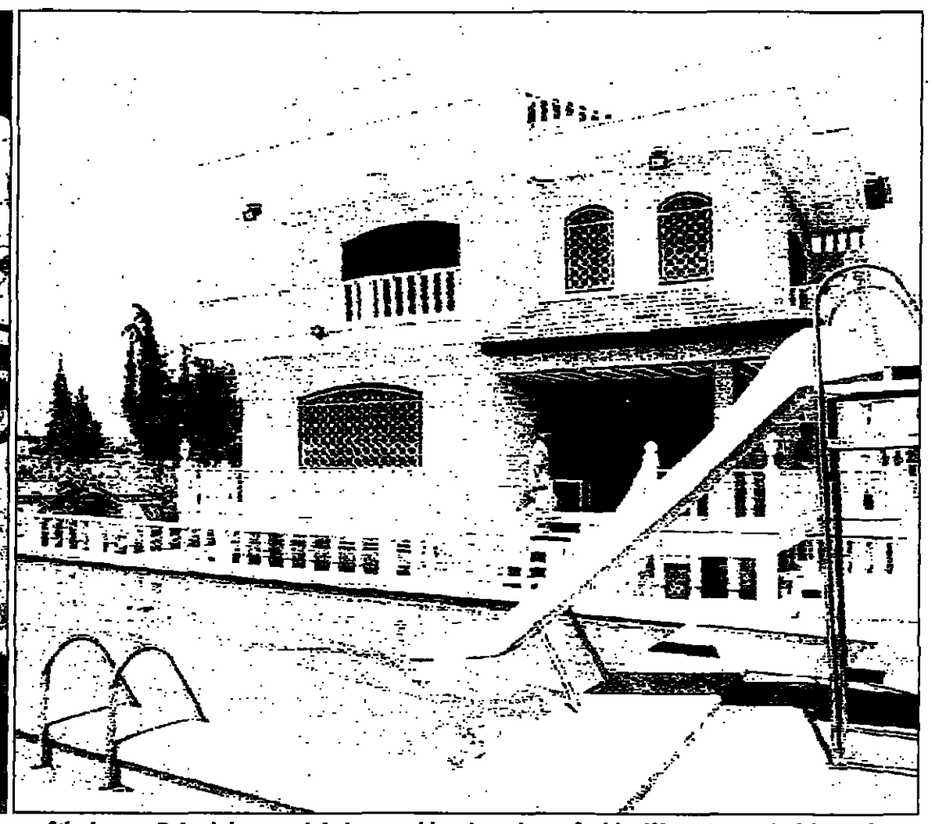
United States officials believe that the momentum provided by a deal over early self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho can be used to accelerate all other aspects of the peace process, which was looking dangerously moribund after the high hopes in Madrid in October 1991.

The importance of Mr Christopher's message during his Middle East tour was that Washington would not abandon Israel, its closest ally in the region, but was equally determined to continue sponsorship of the quest for an equitable peace. He also persuaded President Assad of Syria to stop stalling over the semantics of a land-for-peace deal involving a phased Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. These signs of movement apparently alarmed Mr Arafat, who saw the PLO being stranded by an Israeli-Syrian agreement.

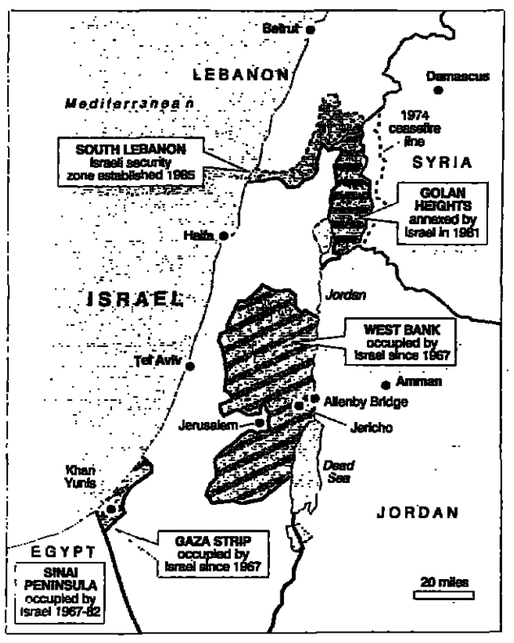
Memories of the Camp David accords are sweet for Mr Clinton and his advisers, who are badly need of a foreign-policy triumph. The last Democrat in the White House, Jimmy Carter, successfully brought together Menachem Begin of Israel and Anwar Sadat of Egypt in an agreement on the Sinai.

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Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, and one of the houses Palestinians say is being considered as a home for him if he moves to Jericho under the proposed self-rule deal. The house's owner is said to be asking over £1.3 million for the property, which is near the border with Jordan



Joshua's sleepy town back on centre stage

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERICHO

THIS sleepy farmers' town near the river Jordan is eager to say goodbye to military occupation, but residents seem muddled about what self-rule will mean.

"Maybe it's the beginning of peace. Maybe it's something good," said Maher Abu Amar, a grocer. "Nobody knows exactly what this plan is."

The peace package known as "Gaza-Jericho first" has thrust the ancient town onto centre stage for the first time in decades, perhaps even millennia. Politically, little has happened here since the walls came tumbling down for Joshua.

With its rural-minded population, proximity to Jordan, and Nile Valley-type climate, Jericho has always been an odd man out among West Bank cities. For five and a half years the Palestinian uprising rocked Ramallah, Jenin and Nablus, but Jericho was largely untouched.

Jamil Khalaf, the mayor, has been inundated with questions from residents about the deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. "There is about 50 per cent optimism about the future. People feel that everything is still vague," he said.

There are even rumours that Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, is planning to move from Tunis to a large house that is being renovated. One possible attraction is the virtual absence of support among the 9,000 residents for the PLO's main rival, the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, whose principal stronghold is in Gaza.

At Nabil's Houmous and Kebab Restaurant few among the farmers, taxi drivers and shopkeepers voiced opposition to becoming part of the self-rule experiment. The diners differed sharply, however, over whether Gaza-Jericho would be a first step towards

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independence throughout the occupied territories or whether it would set back statehood by entrenching Israel's hold over east Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank.

"An agreement will be excellent, but it has to be for all of the cities, not just Jericho alone," Abdel-Kader Santarisi, a driver, said.

According to the plan, the army is to withdraw from Gaza and Jericho, but Israel will maintain control over security and foreign relations. Self-rule would continue to be negotiated for the rest of the West Bank. "It will help Jericho and Gaza a bit, but not the Palestinians as a whole," Salah al-Jawby, a shopkeeper, predicted.

"Certainly having Palestinian police around is better than having the Israeli army, but we will be divided as a people, with freedom in Jericho and continued occupation in the rest of the West Bank," he said.

Muhammad Abu Salih, a vegetable farmer, said: "If Yassir Arafat arrives here, does that mean peace arrives? Peace will come with a full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories."

"We want Arafat in Jerusalem, not Jericho," Hader al-Shawwa, whose family comes from the Gaza Strip, said.

However, others thought that the plan was a good beginning and would boost local tourism. The city's attractions include the biblical walls believed to have been toppled by Joshua and remains of a beautiful 8th-century caliph's palace, destroyed by an earthquake before it could be inhabited. "This agreement is a basis for hope, to move the situation from worse to better," a municipal official said. "I am supporting the Gaza-Jericho plan," Nabil Haddad, the cafe owner, said.

City dogged by despair gives way to cautious hope

FROM CAROLINE HAWLEY IN GAZA CITY

AS ISRAELIS and Palestinians sit down today for an eleventh round of peace talks amid reports of an imminent breakthrough, shops throughout the Gaza Strip will be closed. The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, has declared its customary strike to protest about another round of the 21-month-old negotiations.

News of a deal between the Israelis and PLO officials to implement autonomy starting in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho has, however, received a cautious thumbs-

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up in the streets of Gaza. Dr Kamal Abu Foul, a London-trained neurologist, points at the tangle of cars blocking the road outside Ahli Hospital in Gaza City's Palestine Square. "If there is a Palestinian police force, they will regulate the traffic," he said with a hopeful smile. "The army will withdraw and we will have our own police. Gaza and Jericho will be the start of a Palestinian state."

The problems facing this refugee sliver of land are enormous, however. Since Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, cut the mass influx of Palestinians into Israel, unemployment in Gaza's eight refugee camps is running at 50 to 60 per cent. Gaza, birthplace of Hamas and of the Palestinian uprising, will need a mass infusion of funds to lift it from its economic misery.

"Gaza is another planet," said Fayez Abu Rahme, a prominent Gaza lawyer. "The infrastructure is awful, there is no industry, there are no public services."

Still for the first time in many months there is some sense of optimism in Gaza, usually a byword for despair. "You can't get everything at one time," said Dr Abu Foul "The Israelis will eventually have to give us a Palestinian state. After all they used to say they would never talk to the PLO".

For many Gazans the reported deal is the ultimate sell-out. "This is the beginning of the end of the Palestinian cause," screams Tahseen Skake, a construction worker. Some believe that Hamas will attack the Israelis and that the army will return. Others fear factional fighting between PLO and Hamas supporters.

RADICALS

Extremists say they will kill Arafat

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ANGRY Palestinian radicals yesterday spoke of a Bosnian-style civil war among the two million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories over the promised limited autonomy deal with Israel. Ahmed Jibril, a leading extremist, openly threatened Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, with assassination if the plan was signed this week as predicted.

Mr Jibril is head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command — based in Damascus. His men are known to be willing to carry out contract killings for Iran and Libya.

In a move likely to provoke the radicals further, Nissim Zvilli, secretary of Israel's ruling Labour Party, told a French state radio station yesterday: "Israeli armed forces would protect their former arch-enemy, Mr Arafat, under the proposed Palestinian self-rule plan. Security in Israel and the territories will be in the hands of the [Israeli army], so it is the Israeli army that will protect Yassir Arafat." His claim was seen as certain to reinforce arguments by the radicals that the PLO chairman has become an ally of Israel.

Moderate Palestinian sources took the death threat seriously, but said it was unlikely to deter Mr Arafat the target of many threats.

Western observers familiar with the occupied territories acknowledge an element of rhetoric in the civil war warnings, but said the possibility could not be ruled out.

Casualties litter the tortuous road to Palestinian self-rule

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THERE is no open door to Palestine now awaiting those ready to sign a deal with Israel: at best there is limited interim self-government in the occupied territory, itself only a fraction of historic Palestine.

The defeat of 1948 left the Palestinians scattered and divided. Their cause was represented by Ahmed Shukairy, a bellicose demogogue who called on the Palestinians to "throw the Jews into the sea". Several Palestinian exiles attacked the Israelis from Gaza and across the Jordan after the 1956 Suez war, but were quickly suppressed.

The first stirrings of political activism did not begin until the early 1960s, with the founding of Fatah by Yassir Arafat, along with about 40 different exile groups dedicated to the overthrow of Israel. In 1964 the Arab League established the PLO as a way of coordinating these groups.

The Palestinians in Jordan came into constant conflict with the Hashemite government, which attempted to limit attacks on Israel accross the border, the most bloody such incident was a battle at Karameh in 1965. But after the Arab defeat in the June war in 1967, hundreds of thousands more refugees fled from the West Bank across the Jordan.

The Arabs were united in rejecting any accommodation with Israel in 1967 at the Khartoum conference. Palestinian activism quickly turned to terrorism, with Marxist groups such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine encouraging spectacular attacks on Western targets and aircraft.

By 1970 Jordan was in a state of virtual civil war. After the hijackings of four western planes and their destruc-

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tion, the Jordanian army attacked the Palestinians, killing thousands in "Black September". Thousands more fled to Lebanon, establishing themselves in bases in the south.

The involvement of the PLO in diplomatic negotiations was gradual. The Rabat conference recognised it as the "sole legitimate representative" of the Palestinian people in 1974; King Husain, abandoning his plan for a "dual kingdom", abdicated responsibility for the West Bank.

Despite earlier attempts at political plans, including the ill-fated Rogers initiative, the American entry into diplomatic activism began with Kissinger's arrival in Cairo, the re-establishment of relations and the beginning of shuttle diplomacy. This led to agreements on the Israeli withdrawal from the Suez canal, leading to a full pull-out from Sinai.

Following President Sadat's visit to Israel, American diplomacy built on reaching agreements between the Arab states and Israel. The Camp David agreement of 1977 was its high point.

The Lebanese civil war, beginning in 1976, led to attacks on PLO camps, culminating in 1982 in the invasion of Lebanon by Israel, the massacres at Sabra and Shatilla camps, and the forced evacuation of Palestinian forces out of Lebanon. The PLO moved to Tunis.

Following the Reagan administration's decision, under Israeli pressure, to forbid diplomatic contact with the PLO, pressure grew on the PLO to give explicit recognition of Israel's right to exist. Arafat, despite long prevarication, almost did so at a speech in Geneva in 1988. A dialogue then began between the PLO and the US - broken off again after a new guerrilla attack on Israel.

In the new diplomatic push by Washington after the Gulf war, the Palestinians were included, after haggling with Israel, as part of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation that attended the historic Madrid conference in 1991. The right-wing government of Yitzhak Shamir still outlawed any contact with the PLO, but turned a blind eye to contacts between the negotiators chosen from the West Bank and the PLO office in Tunis.

It was only with the election of a Labour government in Israel last year that contacts between Israel and the Palestinians began in earnest.



Anwar Sadat, the former Egyptian leader, with Menachem Begin, right, then Israel's prime minister

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Why can't you take a sari to the carnival?



MARGOT NORMAN

We were halfway down the Great Western Road, jigging along behind the multi-cultural congregation of St Mary of the Angels and its Garden of Eden float, before I realised why the two small butterflies I had taken to the carnival were attracting so much attention. Having been stopped, patted and photographed by two Brazilians, a Chinese waiter, half a dozen black and white Londoners, one of the Bosnian girls from the patisserie round the corner and an alarming posse of black-clad female Daleks from Saudi Arabia before we even reached the end of our street, the two seven-year-olds were getting a bit self-conscious.

We had tucked in behind the St Mary's mob with relief. A watermelon and a pineapple, both blonde and about nine, were to the left of us, there were exotic birds to our right, and just in front there fluttered a vast tree of knowledge with viridian paper leaves. Surely here, if anywhere, a pair of admittedly brilliant butterflies could nestle without attracting too much attention. Not a bit of it.

It was the sari cloth that did it. So far as I was concerned, the point of spending an evening and half a morning wrestling with four plastic hula-hoops, two sari lengths from Rajasthan and a tube of Copydex had simply been to give the girls a sartorial passport to the Notting Hill children's day procession. There were bound to be lots of other butterflies. We were not presuming to compete with those dedicated seamstresses in Tottenham and Harlesden who sweat away all summer making 12ft sequinned spiders. What we aimed to do was blend.

I had forgotten that the sari is the one garment you do not see at the carnival. Virtually every other kind of garment you have ever seen or imagined will be there somewhere, but not the sari. Not even cut up into wings, apparently. It was odd that the hectic colours of *Rajasthan should look so distinctive in the midst of all that other hectic colour*, and even odder that we should have reached the other side of Meanwhile Gardens before spotting a single Indian family.

I seem to have been going to the carnival, on and off, ever since the thing began. I dimly remember the whole thing being black, riotous and excitingly dangerous. It hasn't been like that for years, but country people and Asians think it *still is, and stay away.*

Three Indian women looked at me as though I were a child-abuser last week when I suggested they and their daughters might like to join me and the butterflies for the procession. The children had been at one of those holiday activity groups together, and the theme of all their arts and crafts and music *and dancing had been carnival. All* over London at the fag end of the summer holidays, the organisers of holiday schemes turn to this theme with relief and set the children making masks and maraccas.

The parents regard all this multicultural activity as benignly mind-broadening, because they know it will all end with a tame little show for them at packing-up time on Friday afternoon. It's only then that the children realise they've been conned and are not going to be allowed anywhere near the real carnival.

It was the children's disappointment that made *me* suggest the outing. I might just as well have suggested participating in a chain-saw massacre. In vain did I go on about the costumes, the food (excellent creole curries if you don't fancy the ackee and salt cod at Ma B's Kitchen), the jollity, the beat and the dancing. In vain, especially, did I describe the family-outing flavour of children's day in terms of a peripatetic village fête with the volume turned up. What did these ladies in saris know of village fêtes?

So in the end we teamed up with another white, West London family who have trudged these streets many times behind a slow float. Over the years the white elements of the crowd have grown larger and on the whole scruffier, while the black elements have dwindled and become more chic. There are now more black men with one hand on a push-chair and the other round the shoulder of a white wife. Everybody, including the police, has become more polite and less jumpy. More people walk, and fewer dance. The floats have got even slower.

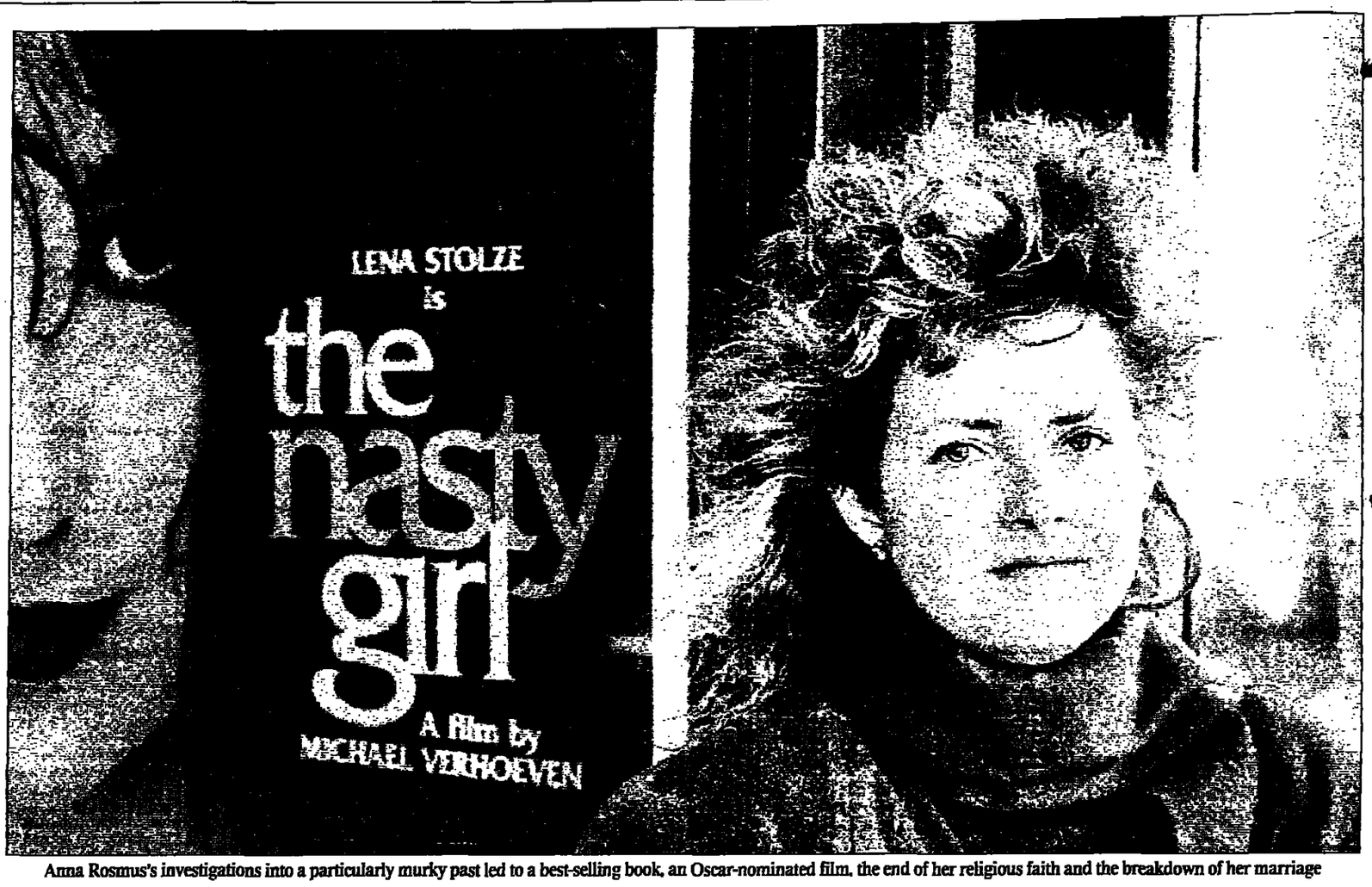
In sum, the whole *thing is more* pedestrian — which may be why your feet ache more. We stopped to rest our bottoms on the flip-down seats of the bus-stop on Elgin Crescent, and a whiff of sweet marijuana smoke conjured up the old days. I was in Powys Square at dusk on the Monday with a group of noisy Etonians when thousands of bottles started exploding around us. Wow, a real riot! We skulked in one corner, cursing each other. It was dark now, they were making a terrible clatter and advancing towards us. We were petrified. Suddenly the front three fell over and the others collapsed in a heap on top of them, scattering in all directions the new plastic riot shields with which — we could see it now — this very young, very green and very short group of coppers had been issued that morning.

Aeons ago, that was. How long, I wonder, before the Asians realise it's safe to come out and play?

A writing competition turned Anna Rosmus, a sheltered Bavarian Catholic, into a Nazi-hunter, writes **Roger Boyes**

The little shops of horrors

The Bavarian town of Passau was once a breeding ground for Nazis — but liked to see itself as a hotbed of resistance. So, when a local woman tried to find out the truth about her home town, it turned on her



Anna Rosmus's investigations into a particularly murky past led to a best-selling book, an Oscar-nominated film, the end of her religious faith and the breakdown of her marriage

Passau, squeezed into a sliver of Bavaria at the confluence of three great rivers, is a town of churches, shrines and secrets. The spires and domes of Passau's 38 churches jab the skyline of one of the most devoutly Catholic communities in Germany.

From high above the Danubian town, Anna Rosmus, Nazi-hunter, can identify more than the 17th-century architectural landscape.

"Over there", says the 33-year-old former convent schoolgirl, "Hitler's brother went to school. Hitler lived here, too, for a while. And, if you look hard, you can see the church where Adolf Eichmann got married."

Heinrich Himmler's father was a teacher in Passau. Julius Streicher, the virulently anti-semitic journalist, used to play in the cobbled courtyard that tumbled down to the banks of the Danube and the Inn. Eichmann, with another local, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, planned from Passau the annexation of Austria, which lies a few kilometres to the east. In the 1920s, Passau became a breeding ground for the Nazi hierarchy, a kind of Eton for fascists.

"It was not that these Nazis imposed their politics on the town," Frau Rosmus says, "rather that the town's mentality and culture influenced and nurtured them."

For 50 years, Passau preferred not to think about this. It passed itself off as just another charming Bavarian community, where the wine is sweet and where foreigners are not *Untermenschen*, but tourists made welcome.

If Passau had a past, ran the conventional wisdom, it was merely *the sin of passive* collaboration. Then a bright cheeky schoolgirl with frosted blonde curls began to scratch the surface. To the great pride of the city leaders, Anna Rosmus had once won a national essay prize. Now there was a new theme, a new competition and young Anna was encouraged to enter again. Her subject: *My Home Town During the Third Reich.*

Well, of course, said her various patrons, Anna should deal with the Passau resistance movement, civic courage — that kind of thing. Anna started to make enquiries. What resistance movement? Perhaps the city archives could give a better picture of the place. She was barred from using the files.

The librarian's embarrassment was entirely understandable. In the town records and in the back copies of the local newspaper, there was enough material to compromise almost every hero and bigwig of contemporary Passau. A well-respected mayor, for example, turned out to have denounced a woman to the Gestapo for criticising the ubiquitous swastika; the woman had been jailed for two years. And then there was the bishop who had approved the blessing of a number of Nazi banners on the altar of the cathedral.

For four years Frau Rosmus — her essay long-forgotten — fought for access to the city archives. Eventually, with the support of a sympathetic federal judge and a suddenly discovered gift for publicity, she won her case. But in the process she lost much: her husband, her Catholic faith, her home town.

She had been brought up in a serious, sheltered environment. Her father was a teacher, her mother an instructor in religious knowledge.

Her maths teacher fell in love with her, and her parents allowed him to marry their daughter soon after she left school. But the marriage cracked under the strain of her Nazi-hunting: in one terrible fit of rage he took the television set to the garden and chopped it up in front of their two bewildered children. "You will never see your mother on this thing again," he said.

When Frau Rosmus discovered the depth of the church hierarchy's collaboration with the Nazis, she lost her Catholicism. That hurt her immediate family: relatives teach at theological college in the town, her mother was a good friend of the Bishop of Passau.

As for the town, it has turned against her with a vengeance; the older generation in particular rank her as a traitor. When her essay became a best-selling book, her life became a film. Michael Verhoven's *The Nasty Girl* picked up an Oscar nomination. *The hate mail flooded in.* A typical letter is addressed "Jew-lover, Passau, Bavaria".

Now Frau Rosmus is at the hub of a scandal again. Drawing this time on Allied Control Commission documents in Washington, she discovered that a local doctor had performed more than 200 abortions on forced labourers from Poland, Ukraine and Russia. Some of the operations were carried out in the seventh or eighth month of pregnancy. Some of the babies were pulled limb by limb from the womb.

The women were working on Passau farms and quite a few were made pregnant by the farmers, who treated them as virtual slaves. The official Nazi ruling was that the pregnancy of captive workers had to be reported immediately, but many of the women hid their bulges for as long as they could. "It was their only future," Frau Rosmus says.

But the farmers' wives, perhaps out of jealousy or in a bid to ensure the illegitimate children would not make a claim on the farm, tipped off the authorities and the women were promptly taken to Dr Franz Maria Clarenz. He received 50 Reichsmarks for every abortion, far more than his fee for delivering a live child.

If there was a live delivery, the baby was taken to a children's home and deliberately neglected until it died. Most survived a bare seven days. "Five hundred children died in this way in the Passau region alone," Frau Rosmus says.

Her evidence came from a handwritten confession extracted by American interrogators after the war, from the testimony of priests who baptised and buried the doomed babies, and from the nuns who often helped to hold *down the screaming women.*

Dr Clarenz is dead. He died — like so many of the compromised locals — an honoured citizen. His widow has taken Frau Rosmus to court to block some references to the doctor in her second book, *Winter Green: Suppressed Murders*, to be published tomorrow.

Neither the widow nor the judge could deny that the doctor was involved with the abortions — the confession is indisputably written in his hand. But Frau Rosmus was required to disown some press interviews in which she was misquoted as saying that *all* the abortions were brutal and made at an advanced stage of pregnancy.



In the town records there was enough material to compromise almost every bigwig

Frau Rosmus was happy to comply: she did not know how many of the 200 operations were barbarically conducted; nor, for that matter, did the doctor's widow. But for Passau it was an important nuance — the difference between a doctor obeying orders in a totalitarian regime, and a wilful mass-murderer.

In Catholic Passau — where even the modern Holiday Inn has a bronze crucifix hanging over the lift — abortion is regarded as tantamount to killing, and extenuating circumstances had to be found for the respected doctor.

Frau Rosmus, who has also researched the fate of the Jews of Passau, has travelled regularly to Poland to examine the documentation of various concentration camps.

After her last trip to Auschwitz, a Polish woman gave her a black mongrel puppy which now noisily guards her small house. The dog's yapping, however, cannot protect her from the death threats which are coming in thick and fast. *She has already been beaten* up once, on a visit to Munich.

How typical is Passau of the rest of Germany? And how menacing is the example of Passau? The influence of the far right is certainly growing in the story-book town, as it is throughout Germany. The German People's Union (DVU), a legal ultra-nationalist party, holds regular rallies in the town and, while ten or 15 years ago they were attended by 200 or so old men they now draw about 7,000, many aged between 20 and 30.

"There's many more of them nowadays, that's for sure — but they're *not* local," Frau Rosmus says. "They come from across the Austrian border. And those who openly flout German laws — some wear SS uniforms — are promptly arrested."

In that sense at least, Frau Rosmus *is not as worried as* she might be: Passau has not made a straightforward hop from an old Nazi fortress into a forward base for the young shaven-headed neo-Nazis of today.

Yet Bavaria as a whole remains a seed-bed for the far right. The careful distinctions made in Bonn between the democratic conservative right and the fringe extremists of the DVU seem a bit fuzzy in lower Bavaria.

Although many Nazi-hunters are ageing, or contemplating retirement, Frau Rosmus is not entirely alone. In large cities such as Munich, Frankfurt and Berlin, historians are scraping away at the forgotten or deliberately repressed past of their communities.

The difference is that in those places the city council usually subsidises or supports the research, while in Passau the embarrassed city council views Frau Rosmus as an enemy. "If there are people in Germany still interested in this subject", said a typically outraged letter to the local newspaper, "they should see a psychiatrist."

Frau Rosmus is resoundingly normal, but she can see that Passau would welcome a break from her scrutiny. She is off to Boston, encouraged by Nobel Prize-winner Elie Wiesel, to complete a doctorate. It is difficult to believe, though, that Passau has seen the last of its "nasty girl".

A voice of true dissent

Paul Barker pays tribute to a great British troublemaker

THANK God for the Awkward Squad. You can judge a nation, if you like, on economic statistics. But you judge it best by the quality of those who dissent; who say No; who say that what matters are our liberties.

England has been rich in this lineage of dissent. E.P. Thompson, who died last weekend, saw himself in the tradition of Thomas Paine, William Cobbett and William Hazlitt. All were among "the troublemakers" *in English history.* (The phrase is A.J.P.Taylor's, who was another one.) None were party-liners. Thompson was, for a while, a communist, but this ran up against his wonderful unwillingness to hold his tongue.

Who would you group him with? His fellow-*historian and* friend, E.J. Hobsbawm, perhaps, and the literary and social critic, F.R. Leavis. There are Richard Hoggart and Raymond Williams, also. But Thompson had much in common with George Orwell.

Both were, first and foremost, writers. Thompson noted that "for dissent, tone is as important as content. It must say, not only that these things are *true*, but that they *matter*." Like Orwell, he wounded enemies by his swooping, biting turns of phrase, far more than by mere facts.

Both reacted against British imperialism, Orwell from being a policeman in Burma, and Thompson from family connections with Indian nationalists. Thompson once wrote an essay, mingling charm and sarcasm, on Lord Radcliffe. This law lord drew the Indian boundary line in 1947: "India was to be here, and Pakistan there." Thompson went on:

"And this reminds me, sharply, that I am here, and that Lord Radcliffe is there. For he belongs securely to — and has been a distinguished member of — a governing class. He is not ashamed of that, he shares *its esprit de corps*, and he has an unusual sense of its difficulties and duties. And I *belong* — much as I may try to disguise the fact from myself — to a kind of shabby sub-Establishment, part literary, part academic, part Dissent, part (perhaps?) poaching, which has been watching *that* Establishment for some hundreds of years, resisting its pretensions, throwing back its encroachments, but never, finally, challenging its power."

Campaigner: Thompson

Fortunately, every true dissenter believes the next challenge will be successful. This tradition may matter more to our liberties than either front bench: Tories riven by quarrels; Labour anxious to parade respectability. *I am* proud that, as editor of *New Society*, I gave a home to Thompson when his voice was as unwelcome to many on the left as to the right.

Who will renew that tradition of dissent? Without it we shall be lost. To lobby Brussels, for example, for a change in the water rules is not at all the same thing. Cleanliness may be next to godliness. But liberty, every dissenter knows, is something else again.

● *Paul Barker was editor of* New Society *from 1968 to 1986.*

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Transplants could be carried out on unborn babies using aborted foetal limbs and organs, reports **Aileen Ballantyne**

How far can we let the surgeon go?



LENNART NILSSON

This is a normal foetus, such as every parent wants. Any defect in a new baby causes great pain

To say, publicly, that we should consider setting up a bank of organs and limbs from aborted human foetuses in order to allow other much-wanted unborn babies to be born whole, takes courage. Yet that is what is being proposed for consideration by two plastic surgeons at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Hospital Trust in London.

Their suggestion follows a ten-year research study on foetal rat limbs. At a recent meeting of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons in Oxford, they reported that it is already possible to keep a "potential donor" foetal rat limb alive and growing in a special culture medium for three days.

The surgeons are now calling for a public debate on a new form of antenatal operation that would have to be used to make limb and organ transplants on unborn babies possible. In this form of surgery, the developing foetus becomes a "patient" who can be operated on long before he or she is born.

The point of the proposal to set up a "foetal organ bank" from Anthony Rowsell, consultant plastic surgeon, at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Hospital Trust and David Gateley, the hospital's senior registrar in plastic surgery, would be to perform a limb transplant while the foetus was only a few months old — measuring less than eight inches — and while, like the "donor" foetus, its immune system was undeveloped. They believe this would make rejection of the donated limb less likely. At present the only way to carry out this form of surgery is partially to remove the developing foetus from its mother's womb in a "mini-Caesarean" operation, perform the surgery, then replace it.

This "out-of-womb" surgery was pioneered by Michael Harrison, professor of surgery at the University of California, San Francisco, who has performed it on some 40 babies for a variety of conditions which are life threatening if not operated on before birth. The success rate for most of the procedures is more than 50 per cent. Professor Harrison is now developing methods using highly intricate telescopic instruments which would be passed through the mother's abdomen, and which, he believes, would make it possible to carry out radical surgery without removing the baby from the womb. He said that although he could see problems with the feasibility of a limb transplant, it was worth investigating it further.



The idea of correcting major handicap before birth is appealing

"Anything is worth trying as long as you do it honestly and openly," he said. "Is it worth having an arm when you don't have one? Well, hell, yes."

The idea of setting up a foetal organ bank to make it possible to perform a wider range of operations in which other foetuses become the patients may sound like science fiction. But the two surgeons are spurred on by their experience with patients, and by their knowledge that the womb is the perfect "operating theatre" which could allow transplant surgery to be performed at the best possible time. They know their proposal is controversial — particularly the use of limbs from aborted foetuses. "That is something which I have had to wrestle with," said Mr Gateley, "but life is often a choice between the lesser of two evils."

Anyone who has watched, in wonder, at the speed of the healing process in a newborn baby who accidentally scratches himself while asleep, leaving an angry red mark which them disappears completely within hours, will understand how excited plastic surgeons are at the even more miraculous powers of self-healing of a developing foetus. A decade of experiments on monkeys developing in the womb, by another British researcher, has shown, for example, that artificially created cleft lips in monkeys were found to heal without scars when corrected at the equivalent stage to that of a 22-week human foetus.

Mr Rowsell has already stated, publicly, that if — as sometimes happens — a woman is considering aborting an unborn baby simply because of a cleft lip, out-of-womb surgery, in which the defect is corrected before birth, could provide an alternative. So far, however, he has had no volunteers for the procedure because surgery done at the earliest possible stage after a baby's birth also produces extremely good results. So far all of his patients have opted to wait until the baby is born.

There is no such hope, however, of a positive outcome if an otherwise apparently normal, healthy baby is developing in the womb without a limb or with severely malformed limbs. One of the most severe examples of this was in babies born to mothers who took the drug thalidomide during their early pregnancy, but it can also occur as a result of conditions such as amniotic band syndrome, in which the blood supply to a hand, for example, is cut off and it fails to grow.

Mr Gateley, who regularly sees such cases, says they cause an enormous amount of pain for the child and the family. "Many people would argue that the hand is the soul of the body. A child with a serious hand anomaly may well suffer multiple operations throughout early life without the hand ever returning to full function. The parents blame themselves and are often prepared to pull out all the stops to give them back a whole baby."

Mr Gateley argues that many such limb defects — which are present in about seven in every 1,000 live births in this country — could be detected in the womb using existing foetal ultrasound imaging techniques.

At the British Association of Plastic Surgeons' meeting, he said some less severe anomalies might be amenable to correction during out-of-womb surgery. More severe cases however could be "more suitably treated by amputation and transplantation of all or part of the developing limb".

Both Mr Rowsell and Mr Gateley emphasise that they will only proceed with their research if there is a public will for them to do so. Their desire to make their plans known before they go further reflects a growing trend among doctors and scientists working on the edge of what is currently acceptable. Similar action was taken by the doctors now involved in breeding special "transgenic" pigs, for use in the first pig to human organ transplant, which should be carried out in the next few years.

Mr Gateley argues that much work is now being done on animals, in research centres throughout the world, geared specifically towards doing surgery on human beings while they are still developing in their mothers' wombs. This is the case even though scientists themselves disagree about the desirability of the "foetus as patient" idea.

"At present, all we have done is to keep a rat limb alive, in vitro, for three days — the work is still at a preliminary stage, but I want the public to know what we have done. The results were encouraging and we obviously wish to proceed further, but we don't just want to proceed with our research then present a *fait accompli*. We really need to be sure in our own minds that this sort of surgery on human foetuses is going to be beneficial to that very precious human life."

Balancing the rights of an expectant mother to refuse such surgery (which, of course she too undergoes) against those of her unborn baby is just one of the issues the two surgeons would like to see debated.

At what stage do babies developing in their mothers' wombs become "patients" with rights of their own to have corrective surgery that can only be successfully performed before they are born? The idea of correcting minor or major handicaps in a baby before it is even born will hold enormous appeal to many. Everyone wants their baby to be perfect — and if the price of that is using a limb from an aborted foetus which would otherwise simply be discarded, many parents would be willing to pay that price.

But what if the prospective parents decide against termination of a pregnancy in the hope that antenatal surgery will correct serious defects, and the operation fails, but the baby is born, severely handicapped?

Professor Harrison says these are the questions he is dealing with regularly. "I am scared to death when I carry out these operations for just that reason, but at the end of the day this is not a debate for doctors or scientists. What is reasonable is what the families tell you. For some it makes sense to terminate an affected pregnancy, while others will say, 'we want this baby and we are willing to take some risks'. We also have a clear understanding with families that if things don't go well we will not try too hard to hang on."

You don't die of poverty

The public has been misled over ill health and social class



Before the welfare state and the NHS, poverty and illness went hand in hand

Governments have a habit of releasing embarrassing reports on August bank holiday in the hope that nobody will take much notice. Thirteen years ago, Patrick Jenkin, the then secretary of state for social services, tried just this tactic, instructing his department to issue only a few duplicated copies of the report of the working group on inequalities in health commissioned by David Ennals, his Labour predecessor.

His plan badly misfired. Realising his report was being suppressed, Sir Douglas Black, the president of the Royal College of Physicians, summoned his own press conference. The next day the newspapers reported extensively how the government had tried to censor disturbing findings that in contemporary Britain poverty remained an important cause of ill health and premature death, and that the health disparity between the haves and have nots was widening.

Ever since, Sir Douglas's report, known as the "Black Report", has been a *cause célèbre* for the left, vital ammunition against Conservative policies of tax cuts for the rich and limits on state spending for the poor. Doctors were also sympathetic. *The Lancet* urged its readers to become activists "on the part of progress rather than reaction, and agitate for its implementation". The attempted suppression of the Black report conferred on it an air of authenticity; 13 years on what is the verdict?

The statistics of health inequality are not, and never have been, in doubt. For every age group (infants, children and adults); for every illness (heart disease, cancer, strokes and accidents), there is a predictable and consistent social class gradient, with the unskilled faring on average twice as badly as the professional middle class.

Sir Douglas Black's report favoured poverty as the most likely explanation. The result, it calculated, was the untimely loss of 75,000 lives a year. It called for a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy, with greater restrictions on the amount of wealth that could be inherited; the establishment of minimal — *and maximal* — earnings, and a major upgrading of child and family allowances.

We were being confronted, it seems, by uncomfortable truths, spoken honestly by objective scientists. But, common sense tells us, their conclusions must be nonsense. Poverty was a major cause of ill health when Charles Booth, in his classic survey of the 1890s, found that a third of the population in the East End of London "had barely sufficient for an independent life", and 12.5 per cent lived in "a state of chronic want".

But a century later, after 40 years of the welfare state and the National Health Service; when almost 100 per cent of households now have sole use of a toilet; 98 per cent have sole use of a bath or shower, and 78 per cent have central heating, the opportunities for poverty adversely to influence health are limited.

The Black Report and the sequels it spawned, deploy three sophisticated statistical tricks to suggest otherwise. First, they obscure the absolute with the relative. While Booth defined the poor as those whose income was just sufficient for subsistence, here the definition encompasses all those whose incomes are less than the national average, so the unskilled or social class V, irrespective of actual income, are always "the poor" because compared with the rest of society they are indeed poorer.

Similarly, the relative health statistics are invoked, so that compared with the national average, the health statistics of the unskilled will always be worse than those of the professional class. Then, the report presents its statistics in a way that exaggerates their significance. So, the often cited twofold difference in infant mortality rates of 6.5 and 13 per 1,000 legitimate live births sounds very serious. But when survival rates are examined, the relevant figures are 994 and 987 per 1,000, revealing that infant deaths nowadays in any class are rare.

Finally, the report failed to examine the specific causes of health inequalities. When this is done, it emerges that the disparity in infant mortality rates is made up of two conditions — cot deaths and premature births. Neither can be readily attributed to poverty.

For adults, the disparity is overwhelmingly explained by smoking-related lung diseases (smoking is twice as common among the unskilled) and heart disease. Only for children between one and 15 can poverty be invoked as an explanation. In this age group, accidents are the major cause of the differences in health.

None of this should be taken as a lack of concern for the less privileged. For single parent families and others living on supplementary benefit, the stress of surviving on a low income is real enough. The psychological consequences of unemployment have been plausibly associated with higher death rates, particularly from suicide. But poverty itself is not a cause of substantial ill-health and anti-poverty programmes are unlikely to improve matters.

Health inequalities are due to cultural patterns of behaviour, notably smoking; increased genetic susceptibility and, perhaps, for the older generation, poor nutrition in childhood.

DR JAMES LE FANU

Dr Le Fanu's pamphlet, Phantom Carnage: the myth that low income kills, was published yesterday by the Social Affairs Unit, £5.50.

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Lynne Truss



■ Buying books and failing to read them is not a crime — *quite the opposite*

How heartening to know that the prime minister buys books .he doesn't have time to read. No piece of news has ever, metaphorically speaking, drawn him closer to my bosom. I doubt it was meant to, however. The thought of him excitedly shuffling his book tokens at Waterstone's check-out has already elicited sneers — intellectual snobs being always alert for vulgarians proudly displaying their embossed Shakespeare with the disclaimer. "Of course, it's not something you can *actually read*". *But personally, I take great* comfort in the news; it gives him a whole new human side. He has faith in the future! At the same time, he sensibly realises that busy jobs don't last for ever! He likes books *for their own sake! And when people look at* his shelves and say, "Have you read all these?", he replies without embarrassment, "No, but I live in hope".

My own sensitivity on this issue I can trace to my days as a guilty, hard-pressed literary editor in an office waist-deep with neglected review copies. "Have you read all these?" people would enquire, innocuously enough, and then draw back in alarm as I scrambled *to the window ledge and threatened to jump.* They learnt not to ask. At home, I own literally hundreds of books I have bought, but not yet read; but if I say I regard them as a squirrel regards his nuts, I hope you will pardon the expression and catch my drift. I mean, what is the point of owning only books you *have* read? Where is the challenge or excitement in that? It would be like having a fridge full of food you have already eaten, cupboards of booze that's already been drunk. Imagine browsing for a meal in the evenings — "Mm, this moussaka was pretty good last time, and I reckon Mister Retsina could stand another paddle down the old alimentary canal."

Of course, I have made mistakes, bought books I couldn't get on with. By rights, I should donate them to passing students, but instead I hoard them, like ill-fitting shoes, in hope that one day I will make the effort to break them in. Henry James is no good at all, God knows I've tried, but from the very first sentence I always find myself sinking, disappearing, drowning in dark mud, it's horrible, horrible, and finally I cry out in Thurberesque despair, "Why doesn't somebody take this damn thing away *from me?" Yet if I retain my copy of The Golden Bowl*, it's not because I am dishonestly feigning an abiding love of Henry James, it's just because I like to be prepared for all contingencies. Who knows, but one day I may positively yearn for intellectual suffocation in mud? Similarly, who knows, but I might break a leg and catch up on all my Gary Larson "Far Side" books as well.

No, I defend the prime minister's position. First, I think there is a moral imperative to buy books, even if you have little time to read them. After all, the authors wrote them in all good faith; why should they be penalised just because you are busy (temporarily) running the country? I grow very cross in bookshops, watching customers dither over fulfilling their obligation. "Just buy it, for heaven's *sake!" I want to say. "What's the big deal?* First Lord of the Treasury salary not good enough for you?" Second, there is no pleasure to compare with a heavy Waterstone's bag. And third (obviously), if you wait for the exact appropriate moment to buy the exact appropriate book, it will no longer be in print, stupid.

I keep trying to imagine the sort of person whose bookshelves don't say "This is what I'm interested in" but "This is what I've read, actually; go on, test me". What a miserable way to live your life. I remember once a potential boyfriend (it came to nothing) solemnly inspecting my bookshelves as though they were a measure of compatibility, and I thought, hmmm, he'll ask about those German poets, I'm done for. But then he leaned back and said, "I see you've got M.R. James, Henry James and P.D. James all together here". "Er, is there a problem?" I said, nervously. "Well, yes," he snapped. "Alphabetically, Henry should come before M.R. Also, the books should be drawn forward neatly to the extreme edge of the shelves." It took me several weeks to realise it, but this reaction said more about him than it did about me.

Realism is finally winning the war over ideological and nationalistic zeal, says **Michael Binyon**

Something new under the Middle East sun

For more than 40 years the Middle East has been convulsed by cycles of triumph and disaster; Arabs and Israelis have long learnt to treat these two impostors just the same. Will the agreement now in prospect between two claimants to the same historic land really put an end to an enmity that has become a byword for intransigence and fanaticism, generating five wars in four decades and poisoning the cradle of the world's great religions? What rough peace now slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

Already the cynics are predicting doom. The agreement, they say, is too little, too fragile, too beset by the hostility of the Israeli right, the Palestinian rejectionists and the fundamentalist troublemakers. There are huge difficulties ahead — as much in convincing the people of the region that something has really changed as in working out the details of the next step forward. Yet even normally cautious leaders on all sides do believe that today's eleventh round of talks in Washington, some 22 months after the peace process began, will produce the longed-for breakthrough.

The reason is not because some new formula has been proposed or that either side has capitulated or that America has dictated terms. It is because the new realism that began in Madrid *and survived the stalling of the Shamir* government, the deportation of Hamas militants, the attacks on Israel by Hezbollah guerrillas and the recent massive Israeli retaliation has been powerfully reinforced by pressure for a *settlement that has become almost* irresistible.

On the Arab side, this pressure began two decades ago. The 1973 war broke the trauma of defeat six years earlier. True, the military outcome was inconclusive; but the Arabs were ready, psychologically, for the volte-face towards America, the beginning of shuttle diplomacy, the notion *that a negotiated settlement could* be reached and that the political acceptance of Israel was inevitable. President Sadat's dramatic address to the Knesset broke through taboos in Arab political thinking which made Camp David possible in 1978 and brought the territorial reversal of Israeli conquests that nothing in Nasser's war of attrition had been able to achieve.

President Sadat was in too much of a hurry for other Arabs countries or for public opinion at home. Egypt paid for its separate peace with a decade of ostracism in the Arab world. President Sadat with his life. But the process of negotiation continued, and Arab countries, including powerful opponents of a separate peace such as Syria, continued the dialogue through Washington. Each *small advance was snuffed out by a new* round of violence: the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the hostage-taking, the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada, the Gulf war.

But for all the upheavals and distrust, the Arabs were becoming weary of a problem that had so long hurt their own interests. A new generation which had grown up since the creation of Israel was tired of the old crusade, disillusioned by the vainglorious rhetoric of unity and nationalism, anxious for the Western investment that was going to more peaceful areas, and under pressure from a public ready to enjoy the fruits of oil wealth. The open Allenby Bridge and the easy access to Israeli television meant that the Israelis were becoming familiar, while the lost orange groves of Palestine were a fading memory. Better education and rapid social change made it harder and harder to distinguish a Palestinian youth from a young Israeli, himself a thousand miles from his grandfather's ghettos.

This was reflected first in the attitude of Arab governments, only later in the changing tactics of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which has felt itself increasingly abandoned by the governments that once swore undying fraternal support but had become angered by the image of terrorism now tarring all Arabs. The collapse of communism further jolted the hardliners: Syria was quick to understand that its policy of political bargaining based on military parity was no longer tenable once the Soviet patron was gone. There had to be concessions; the Arabs had to outdo the Israelis in moderation to make their case with the Americans — not a difficult feat *at the time of the Likud governments.*

The new realism in Israel has its roots also in the native-born generation whose ideological zeal has been blunted by adaptation to a Levantine way of life, a wish to enjoy material prosperity and a growing understanding of Middle Eastern politics: that no friendship lasts for ever, but neither does any enmity. The right seized the initiative after the 1973 war when the tired left ran out of steam. But an increasing number of Israelis saw that a policy driven by settler intransigence was leading nowhere, bringing only increasing conflict with Europe and, more ominously, America. Israel was no longer a strategic asset in the region; the end of the Cold War taught lessons here too. Labour understood them.

The catalyst for the present agreement has been the extraordinary commitment by the Americans to a settlement for the past two decades, coupled with an unprecedented determination by the Bush administration to ignore electoral lobby groups and apply the brutal pressure needed to bring all sides to the table. It was a *tour de force* by James Baker especially, but one that the Clinton administration, inheriting some of the most skilled diplomats in Washington, has maintained — one of the few areas of real commitment in foreign policy.

A deal with the Palestinians is the *sine qua non of any overall* Arab-Israeli settlement; once this quarrel is settled, the way is open for Arabs and Israelis to exploit a vast expansion in trade, commerce, tourism and political initiatives. It will take more than some signatures to defuse the religious fundamentalism that has been hitched to a political quarrel. There will never be a recreation of the old multi-national Palestine. An accord does not mean a warm peace, and Jews and Palestinians will continue to exist side by side, separate and suspicious of each other. But a *basis for coexistence has* been established. And the forces that brought this about are moving as powerfully to underpin the foundations.

Lose the money and run

The Banks and building societies that got their fingers burnt in the property market have some explaining to do

Bernard Levin

If I am asked about the people who run this country's insurance companies, building societies, mortgage-broker offices and other organisations involved in our monetary system, I hesitate to declare that not even one of them knows his arse from his elbow, but I do not hesitate for long. Have you ever heard of such an ignominious mess as those people, supposed to be experts, have just been mopping up?

Start with the gigantic, the enormous, the truly stupendous pricked balloon from which Abbey National has just been removing the last bag of wind. Of course, *Abbey National is by no means* the only huge and well-known such body to have difficulty in distinguishing those two parts of the body without calling in an orthopaedic surgeon; Royal Insurance was as culpable as Abbey, as was General Accident, Lloyds Bank, Nationwide, Provident Life, the Halifax and many more. (The Prudential — a singularly unfortunate name for what befell — was cautious at the start, but ended up very thoroughly egg-faced.)

The story is in detail complicated, but *in general terms very easily understood*: it tells us that numbskulls can get into high places and stay there, and that even when the disasters they have caused are taking their toll they are still in place and still wearing satisfied grins on their faces. And what did they do to be accused of causing disaster not to themselves but to other people? For those who have not been following the story I must sketch it out. These hard-headed men of business, these awesomely numerate office-holders well practised in the use of the differential calculus, these cool heads who could give overwhelming evidence for the soundness of all they did, these figures hired solely to be scrupulously careful in using other people's money, these and many more of the same kidney, succeeded among them in losing enormous numbers — *billions* — of pounds in a period of some seven or eight years, and losing those sums, largely by nothing but ignorance, stupidity and incompetence. Not bad, eh?

It happened like this. One day, a group of these boobies decided they could make huge gains by going into the residential property market, and going into it in a very large way, *without doing anything to equip themselves for getting into entirely uncharted water.* The people who run the household names I have listed went almost literally mad in their frenzied rush to acquire estate agencies; this was the wheeze they thought would bring in billions. The race to get as many as possible of these drove the cost of them so high that any sum, no matter how obviously ridiculous, was thought fit to be flung into the gold-rush. *Thousands* of agencies from all over the country were bought up: the Pru had 800, General Accident had 600, *and Royal had bagged 700. And as for* what they paid for a single agency, £400,000 did not so much as displace an eyebrow. Listen to the Man from the Abbey, who said, "Frankly, we went into it because others were doing it". And hear a real expert, Steve Minchin (he was in the selling end of the madness and sold his agency at a handsome profit): "We thought they knew what they were doing. We were wrong. They didn't know anything at all about estate agency."

When the bottom of this lunacy fell out — *as, of course, it was certain to do* — the people in charge of those household names scrabbled about to salvage something out of their disaster. One typical budget (not the worst) was Abbey National's, which had paid, on average, £334,000 a branch; all that was left at the fire-sale was £23,000. (The bit I loved best was the sight of agencies, the owners of which, in the gold-rush, had sold to the idiots their premises and good will for anything up to half a million smackers, now buying back their little pads from the idiots for a twentieth of the sum, and good luck to them.)

But in the account of the débâcle in *The Times* there was a very significant word in an otherwise unsensational sentence: our writer said that "the bank [Abbey] started its aggressive move into estate agency in 1987". Now to move into estate agency is one thing; to do so aggressively is another. Throughout the centuries, aggression has had a bad name, and it deserves to have one; aggression can be nothing but a fit of temper and it can be a great war, but nowhere in the spectrum have I ever before seen aggression taking its place in the surely reasonable calm of estage agency.

Even I, knowing very little indeed about high finance, or for that matter low finance, can understand the complexities of the collapse. The reason I can understand it is not that I have taken a course in accountancy and allied matters, but that I have taken cognisance of what actually went wrong; away with "net asset value", "ex dividend", "full-year loss" — away with all this gibberish, and use a word we all know: what went wrong was that those in charge were all a-quiver with *greed.*

One of the most terrible aspects of the human race is that we have for long lived, as Hamlet said, "As if increase of appetite had grown / By what it fed on". It is a very rare soul who is without wants, and that goes right through the species, from the poorest to the richest. Reading about the crash I began to feel indignant on behalf of the shareholders, who are certainly going to get the worst of it, and I was planning to speak up for them until I realised that they, too, had been longing to hear that their holdings were going to double, treble, quadruple when all that aggression had worked through the residential property market spewing profits right and left.

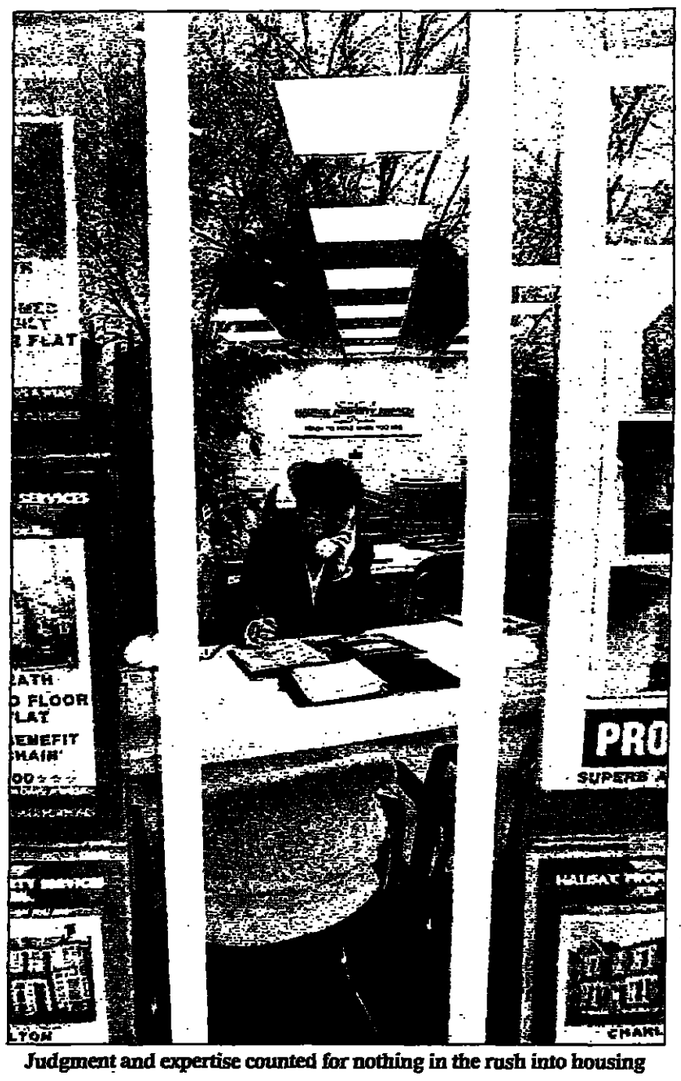
The simple truth, of course, is even more clear and obvious when looking for what went wrong. The greed I mentioned has another, and even more dreadful, quality: it blinds the greedy, and as it does so it makes them believe that they can do things which, if they *stopped for a moment to be sensible*, they would know they cannot do.

The more I see of experts, the more I am impelled to make the sign of the evil eye, and follow that with a stiff drink. I am sure, for instance, that none of these buffoons was siphoning off the money; once the rush started — and remember that it was the buffoons who started it — the siphons squirted gaily and went on squirting, while no one noticed that they were running dry.

This leads to a conclusion which I have long been toying with, as more and more evidence piles up, daily, making more and more certain that it is not just a coincidence. It is not difficult to believe that the experts are not worth their boozy lunches, let alone what they get every pay-day. But I now begin to believe that there *are* no experts. There are, it is true, people who jabber in strange languages intelligible only to others of their fraternity; these are elevated to expertship, by common consent of other experts, though the truth is that they understand no more than the rest of us. If you don't believe me, or think I am joking, just go back to the beginning of this story; it tells of a tremendously clever scheme for making enormous profits tremendously fast, but not much tremendously later we learnt that for every £334,000 laid out, the mad speculators found themselves the owners of no more than £23,000. And that was *what the experts did; what do you* think would have happened if they had handed over the money to you and me, saying "There — all you have to do is throw huge sums out of the window, or flush it down the lavatory"? We would, of course, think that we were having our legs pulled, only to discover that what they did was the *exact* equivalent of the leg-pull.

It is no shame to be ignorant on matters that do not impinge on our lives: I know nothing about motor-cars, because I have never learnt to drive. But the clowns with whom I started this article were supposed to know about buying and selling property, because having such knowledge was their job; whereas it turned out that not only were *they ignorant of things* rare and strange, but were just as ignorant on the subjects they were employed to know about.

Mind you, I have before pointed out that in Nineveh are more than six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle. Perhaps they all got jobs with Abbey National, including the cattle.



Judgment and expertise counted for nothing in the rush into housing

Bag of tricks

NEVER mind the "frightened five". Kenneth Baker, the latest Tory diarist, is to reveal the secret weapon that struck fear into the hearts of every one of Margaret Thatcher's cabinet ministers — her handbag.

The revelations will emerge next week in the first of three BBC2 programmes based on Baker's memoirs, *The Turbulent Years*. In the first programme, *Maggie's Minister*, Baker assumes the role of reporter: "The biggest mystery of all was the dreaded handbag briefings," he says. "If she felt things weren't going her way, one of her techniques to regain control in cabinet was to open her handbag and produce a briefing." Chris Patten agrees: "She'd open her handbag and bring out a sheet of paper heavily underlined . . . in green ink."

According to Baker, nobody knew who prepared the briefings. But Lord Tebbit, another handbagging victim, says there was a survival strategy. "The art of being a successful cabinet minister was to have worked out in advance how you shot down the advice that was in her handbag. And if you did it well enough, the *handbag wasn't opened.*"

The handbag, of course, was far from the only hazard. Malcolm Rifkind recalls one particularly abrupt dismissal by the former prime minister. "I haven't much time today," she said. "Only enough to explode and have my way."

● *Following the Diary's note yesterday concerning the impressive prescience of Jack Higgins (his latest thriller tells of a U-boat sunk at the end of the war en route for South America) comes some encouraging news for Chris Patten. Higgins's next book concerns the unearthing of another wartime secret — an extension to Britain's lease on Hong Kong.*

Artistic triumph

THERE is rejoicing in the Bohemian quarter, most particularly in Avenue Studios, Chelsea, home in the past to such artistic luminaries as Alfred Gilbert, John Singer Sargent and Rex Whistler.

The current residents, including a clutch of RAs, are celebrating a precedent-setting DoE decision to reject a planning application by the studios' owner, Smith's Charity, to turn one studio into an office for architects. Architecture is just not arty enough.

Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, is delighted: "Even though I am an architect I think it would have been a great pity if it were turned into an office. Architects can use ordinary offices with 9ft ceilings. Artists need space and great windows." Tom Phillips, another RA, adds: "It is important these studios stay as they were intended. Whistler would be delighted."



DIARY

The listed studios have a chequered past. As well as the likes of Gilbert, who created Eros in his studio, they were home to the sculptor Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm, tutor to and, some say, lover of Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Louise. The circumstances of Boehm's death 103 years ago are still cloudy — it was whispered at the time that he died in the princess's arms.

King sized

A NEW BOOK on fox-hunting comes with a warm recommendation from Lord King of Wartnaby, a man whose passion for the chase — be it in Belvoir country or City boardroom — is well known. The noble lord's enthusiasm for *Foxhunting in Paradise* stems not only from his respect for Michael Clayton, the author. He also enjoys its cover picture by artist Lionel Edwardes of a huntsman pounding across the Leicestershire countryside. For the huntsman is King himself, captured in 1962 in hot pursuit of hounds.

"I remember the artist standing in the field as we went past. He must have committed it to memory," says King, speaking from — where else? — a hunting lodge in Sutherland.

● *Mike Leigh will not be amused. Philip Hedley, artistic director of the Theatre Royal Stratford East, where Leigh's new play opens in October, is in Edinburgh, handing out leaflets describing the play as a "round-trip to the 19th century". Which puts festival-goers one up on Leigh's cast — his rehearsal technique involves not telling the actors the theme until the last moment.*

In-House training

THE first insider's account of how to become an MP contains an initial word of caution for all would-be members: "There are many aspirants of higher quality and greater ability than most sitting members. They never become MPs because the system of selection is really just a big lottery."

One who won the lottery is Ivor Stanbrook, who stood down at the last election after 22 years as Tory MP for Orpington and has now written *How To Be an MP*. It is full of vital tips, such as etiquette for doorstep canvassing: "A candidate . . . should resist invitations from strangers to go inside, however seductive," says Stanbrook. "This wastes valuable time and sometimes leads to embarrassing consequences, as one of my former colleagues discovered when after such a visit he was accused of assault." Must have been a whip.



Fallout from the Bragg-Murray feud still lingers

Stop the week, I want to get off

THE return of Melvyn Bragg's *Start the Week* to Radio 4 next Monday is unlikely to be altogether pleasurable for the new LWT millionaire. It could reawaken memories of an incident last year which, while "good radio", will have left scars. Bragg was invited on *Woman's Hour* to discuss erotic relationships in his novel *A Time to Dance*, whose sex scenes in the BBC television adaptation provoked much feminist indignation. Bragg faced presenter Jenni Murray and the writer Gloria Steinem. Did he, Murray asked, think a woman's problems "can be resolved by . . . a good rogering"? Bragg retorted: "If you got that out of *it, that's your business.*" Suffice it to say, the quality of debate did not improve. All of which should be water under the bridge. But for the fact that *Start the Week's* new producer, Mary Sharp, is a pal of Murray, whose iciness towards Bragg has yet to thaw. Sharp, diplomatically, will not be drawn. "It's a sensitive thing and I would prefer not to talk about it."

AFTER THE KARAOKE

Politics is not dead: it is simply sleeping off a bad night

Like many other sports, politics has almost no off-season. After the briefest respite, in which Michael Portillo roamed almost alone, Her Majesty's other ministers, and those who would replace them, are returning to their accustomed chairs in front of the microphones. Each year, perhaps, they ask themselves why they bother. The pay remains poor; so do the hours; their jobs, whether in or out of government, remain very much the same. But this year the inner questions are particularly insistent. What are they doing it for?

Some, of course, have books to sell and memoirs to complete. Today's politics may be at the standard of a fourth division football match. But yesterday's games are considered instant classics. Publishers' advances have a solidity that public opinion has not. Gibbon once classed Goldoni among that exclusive band whose memoirs were more dramatic than their better known achievements. Someone may yet say the same of Kenneth Baker.

Other politicians spent their holidays reading and thinking instead of writing and promoting. To many of those, however, the immediate prospects seem dark. The chattering on the beaches, whenever it touched upon politics at all, was to the theme that politicians are going out of style. Messrs Clinton, Major, Kohl and Mitterrand, it was said, were not losing support to traditional political enemies but to pressure groups, media pundits and indifference. The whole game was gone. Why did no one seem to join the Conservatives any more? Not because Labour's lure was so bright but because big challenges (like beating the Russians and the recession) were already met or beyond any party's ability to meet; and because small challenges (like saving the whales and rebuilding the local school) were better met through Greenpeace or a PTA than through a bunch of mostly white males mouthing archaic abuse at Westminster.

Various versions of this theme have emerged this summer from left and right, or from the "former left" and "former right" as the adherents to this new anti-politics would prefer it. The advantage for the left is obvious enough: having been so spectacularly defeated in the post-war battle of ideas, they would rather declare "the end of politics" than go into the ring for any further bouts on the side of the omni-competent state. For some on the right, in particular those libertarians more common in America than Europe, there is an equal attraction. If Congress were to be swept by post-political newcomers advocating rational welfare reform and systematic reduction of government, *The Wall Street Journal* would rejoice — at least for a while. And of course, the notion that politicians are now somehow necessarily unpopular is also attractive to unpopular politicians.

John Major takes much comfort in the electoral troubles of his colleagues abroad. At the last G7 summit, there was no easier consensus than that low poll ratings were caused by recession and the end of the Cold War. Great new issues were needed which would, without effort, transform Clintons into Roosevelts, Mitterrands into De Gaulles, Kohls into Adenauers and Majors into Churchills. If the Tokyo summiteers were meanwhile left playing karaoke politics, mouthing the words to songs that had all been better sung before, that was not their fault but the fault of conditions, opportunities and circumstance.

And then there were the world's electorates to consider. Perhaps they too, like the bystanders at a karaoke show, have come to expect little now from those performing before them. If control of a national agenda means cautious summit manipulations and the reasonable sharing of domestic problems among corporations, trusts and regulators, why should not John Major, or indeed John Smith, be the controller? "Our Dear John, after infinite tumblings and spoken platitudes innumerable from barrel heads and parliamentary benches, he does settle somewhere about the just conclusion": Thomas Carlyle was talking about John Bull but either of our present Johns might meet the great polemicist's small demand.

Thus there is satisfaction on many sides in the theory that politics is a smaller business than it used to be. Those made small by defeat like it; those who want only the smallest role for the state say they like it; as do those in political life with few illusions about their own statures. But what should the men and women still clinging to the process of politics think, the thousands of people who will soon be treading around Blackpool and Brighton, playing their circumscribed parts in the functions of a party conference?

We intend to address their concerns closely in the weeks ahead. Politics has not ended. Politicians are not destined by necessity to be impostors strutting on an empty platform. Among those who have made similar claims in the past, more have been corporatists and totalitarians than true democrats. Both John Major and John Smith need to address the sharp reduction in what is expected of them. They both need to show a more spontaneous sense of capability. If they fail, they will merely enter the memoir market somewhat earlier than they had hoped; other, better, politicians will take their place.

MONEY FOR STUDY

The government needs a new policy fast

The policy of expanding Britain's higher education has been more laudable than its execution. The government has willed the end, a much better educated Britain, but it has not willed the means. The result is a both an apparent crisis and an unnecessary one.

There are tensions in all public services between the ambition to do more, and the willingness of Treasury — and taxpayer — to pay. But in this respect higher education is uniquely favoured, or at least could be. Higher education contributes to the long-term earning power of its consumers. Most graduates are much better off than most of their age-group within a few years of ending their courses. This makes the payment of fees by users much more politically attractive in financing universities than it would be in hospitals or schools. It makes the government's failure to explore this option all the more reprehensible — and the report on student financing released this month by the Committee of Vice Chancellors all the more welcome.

The vice chancellors' report focussed on two options for making students contribute to the costs of their courses. Either there should be a graduate tax, which would add several percentage points to the tax or national insurance rates paid by graduates. Alternatively, the government would make an interest-free loan to the student. This loan would differ from the present student loan scheme in Britain and the arrangements common in America. Repayments would only start once the graduate's income exceeded some preordained level. The repayments would then be collected through the tax system, not the banks, thus reducing administration costs and risks of default.

Either of these schemes to increase revenue for higher education would be better, and more popular, than to reverse the expansion of higher education or to leave universities, lecturers and students to sink deeper into penury. The benefits of the two schemes are closely balanced. An income-contingent loan scheme would resemble a tax in many ways; to raise significant amounts of money, repayments would have to be much higher than the £500 annually for 10 to 15 years often mentioned.

The distributive effect of a graduate tax would be more progressive. The disincentive for students from poor families would be less for a tax than a loan: many richer parents would probably choose to avoid their children borrowing money by paying the fees on their behalf. The loan scheme would, on balance, be preferable. It would be linked more directly to the cost of education and would give graduates more freedom to repay at their own rate. Most importantly, a graduate tax would soon become a hostage — like the old road tax — to the Treasury's appetite for general revenues, from whatever source. The money must be sturdily fenced off from Whitehall's depredations.

GOT A SYZYGY, SAILOR?

What mighty contests rise from trivial things

The good judge Tumim would neither have spluttered so nobly of "corrupting lethargy" and layabouts, nor called for more vug-like conditions, had he chanced upon the barely-zoic denizens of Wolds remand centre steeped in the contemplative stillness of Scrabble. Unlike snooker or snakes and ladders, the *ludus verborum* is not for the "uncouth, unkist". It might, however, have filled Edmund Spenser with wae (a good word, that, in a tight scrabble corner, particularly with "w" on the dark blue square) for making of "our English tongue a gallimaufry or hodgepodge of all other speeches".

Scrabble has had, like any robust quean, a polynomial past. Christened Lexico, it came to be called Criss-Crosswords, It and Alph, the last a play on the inventor Alfred Mosher Butts' first name. Mercifully, his surname was left well alone. It made its debut in Britain in 1954, the year after the coronation, but there is not thought to be any connection. It soon usurped the place of Canasta in fashionable homes and Prince Nicholas of Yugoslavia is reported to have played it in the Kensington pad of Douglas Fairbanks Junior. Scrabble, and Kensington, have endured. Yugoslavia has gone the way of Douglas Fairbanks.

Fanatical scrabble players suffer from the sort of mild dementia that can, when channeled, turn an average society into a great one. It would be wrong to lump them with ramblers, beaglers and train-spotters, in that their obsession is of an elevated, almost brahminical, kind.

Scrabble, *au fond*, is about telling one's kex (a tall umbelliferous plant) from one's yex (a medieval word, gaseously onomatopoeic, for hiccup). It eke inculcates sturdy free-market habits: one has to profit from one's resources in ways optimal. As in "life", one occasionally wins in questionable ways. The highest score ever in a championship was recorded for "caziques". In the opinion of the house philologist, the correct spelling is "caciques". But what is a "z" between scrabble-playing friends?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Portillo comes under fire on taxation and the economy

From Mr Angus MacMillan

Sir, For Michael Portillo, who believes that "the size and scope of the state have grown too large" ("The price to be paid for lower taxes", August 25), to complain of the ongoing increases in social security payments is a bit rich. It was, after all, the policies of his own party that were the major contributory factor behind the huge rise in unemployment between 1989 and 1992.

No doubt, as Mr Portillo states, extra prisons are expensive; but the fact that this country may soon have the highest per capita prison population in Western Europe is hardly a matter for pride. He also alludes (briefly) to the recession, as if it were some extraneous factor over which government has no control; the fact is that Conservative policies during the late 1980s resulted in the downturn here being more prolonged and painful than it need have been or was elsewhere.

However, it is not the content (which is rather predictable) of the Chief Secretary's article which is most disturbing to me — it is the tone. His matter-of-fact attitude towards the plight of the economy, coupled with his apparent lack of concern about the potential impact of his party's policies upon the most vulnerable elements of society leaves a very nasty taste in the mouth.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS MacMILLAN,
5 Meadowside, Chelmsford, Essex.
August 25.

From Mr William Deller

Sir, Michael Portillo effectively admits two significant facts:

1. The government recognises the desirability of constraining public expenditure and the size of the state, but is powerless to do so.
2. In this situation, the only way to accommodate the relentless growth of public expenditure is through growth in the GDP.

In other words the growth philosophy, involving an ever-increasing consumption of the world's resources by developed countries, is fuelled, not by private individual aspirations, but by the aspirations of people in the public sector, whose ingenuity in finding ways to spend other people's money is only matched by their enthusiasm in actually spending it, and their disregard for the effects of their policies.

Yours faithfully,
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August 26.

From Mr Alan Tidy

Sir, I have worked in Germany and France during the last 20 years. On at least one occasion each of those governments felt it necessary to raise additional tax revenues to cope with cyclical shortfalls for periods of up to four years.

Both countries introduced a temporary surcharge on income tax which was then repayable after a predetermined number of years, with interest which approximated to the rate of inflation.

I am certain that such a scheme would be acceptable to most UK taxpayers, provided that the funds were clearly earmarked for anti-cyclical purposes such as investment.

Yours sincerely,
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August 25.

From Mr Conal Gregory

Sir, Against the public expenditure background lucidly outlined by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, proper consideration should be given to the scope for changes in value-added tax.

Only one other EC state — Denmark — mirrors the UK in having such a simple approach to VAT of one positive and one exempt band. In the Danish case, its standard rate is set at 25 per cent. All other member states differentiate more specifically on goods and services. Indeed, Belgium and Italy operate five tiers of sales tax.

Since the government has taken the decision to introduce a third rate for VAT (8 per cent for fuel from April 1994), this is the time to consider not only whether there is the opportunity to have a so-called "luxury" tier — perhaps for those goods that used to attract the top level of purchase tax — but whether standard rate could be lowered as a consequence.

Yours faithfully,
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August 25.

From Mr Roland Rench

Sir, Mr N. P. E. Wheeler's proposal (letter, August 21) of VAT increases as a fair solution to the PSBR problem appears to be based upon the dubious premise that VAT is an equitable form of taxation.

That may be the case when it is levied upon non-essential goods and services. But how can that be so if it is to be applied to fuel charges which are effectively unavoidable and necessitate a minimum outlay?

Mr Wheeler suggests that VAT is a far more efficient method of taxation than income tax. My perception is to the contrary. By using small businesses that are not VAT-registered, it is possible, quite legally, to have many services carried out without involving VAT. And, incidentally, how much VAT is denied to HM Treasury each year by people spending millions of pounds upon purchases made whilst abroad on holiday?

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Walter Smith

Sir, Michael Portillo has difficult decisions to take. He and his Chancellor will no doubt recognise that many have already paid a high price for the recession — loss of jobs, incomes and even homes — and may see it as equitable that, if more taxation is unavoidable, those of us who have not suffered so much should now pay a little more, by way of a fixed-term increase in direct taxation.

This could spare those who have already paid so much from suffering further through higher VAT or other indirect taxes.

Yours sincerely,
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'Proper' universities?

From Mr Russell Vallance

Sir, About to pay a research grant recently, I saw that the cheque was made out to "The Victoria University of Manchester". As the charitable trust I work for sponsors only high-level medical and scientific research, I immediately queried (possibly unfairly) how a project at what appeared to be one of the new wave of colleges promoted to universities could be the recipient of one of our grants.

A telephone call to Manchester reassured me that the university was using its full original 19th-century name to avoid confusion.

"Please be assured", I was told, "that we are the real University of Manchester."

Shortly thereafter, some friends told me that their daughter had been accepted for a course at one of the newly promoted universities. She was deciding whether to accept this immediate offer or to take another A level "so she can try for a proper university next year".

From these two instances it would seem that "real" and "proper" universities are those which pre-date the latest reforms. The government's rationale for the changes has always seemed obscure, but how sad it is that previously well regarded polytechnics have now, as universities, apparently been consigned to the realms of the unreal and improper.

Yours truly,
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Expansion of the Tate

From Dr Anthony Briginshaw

Sir, Richard Cork ("Space must be found", Arts, August 17) is surprisingly lukewarm concerning the Bankside power station's candidacy for reuse as the new Tate Gallery Museum of Modern Art.

This Giles Scott building contains an excellent interior space, supremely suited to house an art gallery. So good is it, one might almost suspect that Scott designed it as an art gallery that would double as a power station rather than the other way round.

More than that, the exterior line of the building is fine, with the most pleasing proportions and superb workmanship. Even with a somewhat truncated chimney stack, to retain a signature of its past, the building is a true gem of mid-20th century architecture. Its sister at Battersea does not bear comparison with it; Bankside is far better.

Whether the Tate sees its importance or not, the building and its site are far too valuable to cede to commercial interests, especially in a part of London that is already saturated with unused office blocks. The site is semi-public riverside space; it should be public riverside space — it should be the Tate's new gallery.

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Children and crime

From Mr Peter F. Carter-Ruck

Sir, When nowadays children seem to acquire a degree of sophistication at a much earlier age than hitherto, is it not astonishing that the legislators have left unchanged the age of immunity from criminal responsibility and liability to punishment?

Prior to 1933 it was presumed that no child under the age of seven could be guilty of any offence. This immunity was extended, by section 50 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, by one year, to the age of eight.

By section 16 (2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 the age of immunity was again raised, on this occasion by two years, to the age of 10.

It is completely illogical, when today parental control is seen daily to diminish and child crime is increasing alarmingly, that the age of immunity should continue to remain unchanged. There is a strong case for repealing the immunity provisions of both these statutes, thus giving to the police the power to enforce law and order against those who have demonstrated a propensity to take advantage of committing crime with impunity.

Yours faithfully,
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From Lord Northbourne

Sir, In your leading article of August 17, "Handle with care", you draw attention to the enormous cost of building and running secure accommodation for juvenile offenders — a capital cost of £250,000 per child and a running cost of £1,600 per child per week.

The government is rightly concerned about these substantial burdens on the taxpayer. Why then will it not pay more than lip service to the alternative of prevention?

The work of the Youth Service and of voluntary organisations such as Fairbridge, Outward Bound and the Stepney Children's Fund has proved that most young people can be diverted from crime at a cost per year which would support them for a week in a secure unit.

Next year the government proposes to allow local authorities to make further deep cuts in the funding of the Youth Service and to reduce substantially the funding of 16 out of the 20 existing successful "Safer Cities" programmes.

The money saved will be used to open new projects, but many of the existing ones which have proved their worth in diverting young people from crime may now have to close.

Yours faithfully,
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Due process of law

From Mr T. H. Richardson

Sir, You appear to have overlooked the fact (although I'm sure Judge Tumim has not) that every single inmate of The Wolds privately run remand centre is an innocent person awaiting trial for an *alleged* offence which may never be proven.

This being so, your reference to "rigorous, challenging work" (leading article, August 26) seems, to say the least, a trifle condescending.

Yours truly,
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Kashmir's sufferings

From Dr M. F. Dar

Sir, Bernard Levin deserves all my congratulations and thanks for his article, "India's army on the rampage", August 10. He also deserves the congratulations of all the Kashmiri people whose plight he has so very well portrayed. Although the whole world, in particular the West, is very busy in solving the problems of Bosnia and Palestine, that of Indian-held Kashmir has been largely ignored.

Incidentally, the caption to the picture accompanying Mr Levin's article, showing mourners attending the funeral of Dr Abdul Ahad Guru, refers to Dr Abdul as "a prominent Kashmiri militant". Dr Abdul was a leading cardiothoracic surgeon in Kashmir, who, through his surgical skills, openly helped all the victims of the Indian security forces' onslaught.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. DAR,
7 Rosslyn Close,
Ackworth, Pontefract,
West Yorkshire.

From Mr Azmat A. Khan

Sir, India's Acting High Commissioner, K. V. Rajan (letter, August 18), is wrong when he claims that 400,000 Kashmiris were made to flee Kashmir by terrorism. They were, in fact, evacuated by the then Governor Jagmohan's administration (1990-1) on government trucks.

Some of the 30,000 Hindus who fled the Kashmir valley during Jagmohan's days have had letters printed in Kashmiri papers, from transit camps in Jammu and Delhi, regretting their move and claiming that the governor had warned them to leave before starting a ruthless campaign against the majority Muslims who are seen as "separatists" by India.

I believe that no Hindu in any of these camps could testify in support of the claims made by Mr Rajan. Many left their house keys with their Muslim neighbours who still await their return. In contrast, the physical torture endured by the surviving 40,000 Kashmiri Muslims who made it to Pakistan-controlled "Azad Kashmir" can be seen on many of their bodies. They stand witness to the terror campaign suffered at the hands of the Indian forces.

Yours faithfully,
AZMAT A. KHAN
(Jammu-Kashmir Liberation
Front (UK)),
108 Killinghall Road,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.
August 18.

Patients' need for close examination

From Dr Adrienne Winter

Sir, Dr James Le Fanu suggests ("When the doctor should not touch", Body and Mind, August 24) that there are relatively few circumstances in which intimate examinations of patients are required. I cannot agree.

For instance, contrary to Dr Le Fanu's claim, breast cancer is not always best detected by mammography, which indeed can miss tumours that are palpable on clinical examination. It is also less sensitive in detecting tumours in younger women. Careful breast examination is an essential part of the diagnosis (and exclusion) of breast cancer, and has not been superseded.

As a GP, if I failed to examine women patients consulting me for the conditions quoted by Dr Le Fanu I would misdiagnose some, refer others inappropriately, and fail to reassure many.

The very fact that doctors are sued for misconduct implies that there are standards of correct professional practice in the examination of women patients. More widespread use of chaperones would be far more appropriate than the marked reduction in examinations which Dr Le Fanu advocates.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIENNE WINTER,
1 St Peter's Road,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
August 25.

From Dr Carol Cooper

Sir, In my experience, far more harm is done to patients by sketchy examination, or by its absence, than by any embarrassment which can be caused. Tests are only tests, not some technological oracle, and in any case it is often impossible to know which tests are needed until a proper physical examination has been carried out.

Anyone still at the sharp end of medicine knows that, however relentless the march of progress, one old adage still holds true: "If you don't put your finger in it, you put your foot in it."

Yours faithfully,
CAROL COOPER,
40 Roxborough Park,
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.
August 24.

From Professor Robert M. L. Winston

Sir, In the last 12 months in my infertility clinic we have detected two invasive cancers in young women: in both cases diagnosis had been considerably delayed because previous doctors had avoided internal examinations.

In the same period of time, I have seen over 40 women who had entirely inappropriate and expensive fertility treatment simply because their specialists decided to rely solely on inadequate and more costly ultrasound tests.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. L. WINSTON,
Hammersmith Hospital,
Du Cane Road, W12.
August 25.

From Dr D. B. Dumughn

Sir, Many would agree with James Le Fanu that screening procedures are of doubtful value, but that does not invalidate the methods used in screening for the investigation of illness.

In recent years general practitioners have enjoyed increasing access to X-ray and pathology facilities in hospitals. They are able to investigate problems extensively before referring patients to hospital for treatment. It would be ironic if, despite the availability of this high technology, they were asked to refer patients for a simple intimate examination.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY DUMUGHN,
Elm Tree Surgery,
High Street, Shrivenham, Wiltshire.
August 25.

Is anybody there?

From Mr Alan Guindi

Sir, I wonder if the people who have been excited by the "human-like face" on Mars (report and photograph, August 26) would care to come and investigate the possibility of an extra-terrestrial civilisation on my bedroom curtain? Or perhaps my aunt's Persian carpet? And last but by no means least the oak tree in my front garden?

Yours,
ALAN GUINDI,
3 Sussex Court,
Roan Street, Greenwich, SE10.
August 26.

From Mr S. J. Broad

Sir, Mr David Thompson (letter, August 24) suggests that bookies might lay odds on the possible existence of intelligent life on Earth. I submit that the strongest evidence that there is of intelligence life in outer space is that they have not attempted to contact this planet.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BROAD,
1 Sussex Mansions, Sussex Gardens,
Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.
August 24.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Marriages

Professor P.M. Braiden and Miss L. Howard
The marriage took place on August 30, at West Avenue Methodist Church, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, between Professor Paul Mayo Braiden, of Ponteland, Northumberland, and Miss Lesley Howard, of Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr G.H.M. Hunt and Miss G.P. Easton
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at St John the Evangelist, Bury, West Sussex, between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Hunt, of Bury, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Easton, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by Miss Kay Robinson, Miss Kate Jorgensen and Miss Jo Carden. Mr David Argent was best man.

Mr E.T. Rajah and Miss A.E. Collier
The marriage took place on Friday, August 20, at the Church of All Saints, North Ferriby, of Mr Eason Thurai Rajah, only son of Mr and Mrs N.T. Rajah, of Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia, and Miss Ann Elizabeth Collier, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Collier, of Swanland, North Humberside.

Mr A. Seiler and Miss J. Rogers
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at the English Church, St Moritz, Switzerland, between Mr André Seiler, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Seiler, of Luzern, Switzerland, and Miss Joanne Rogers, youngest daughter of Mr Albert Victor Rogers and the late Mrs Rogers, of Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, England.

St Maur's School, Weybridge

Lower Sixth Form students will return on Wednesday, September 1, 1993, for the opening of their new Sixth Form Suite and the beginning of their three-day Induction programme which will culminate in a celebratory lunch in the Hotel Chateau Tilques, St Omer, to mark the re-establishment of the St Maur's Sixth Form.

Year 7 students will return on Thursday, September 2, and all other year groups will return on Friday, September 3.

Emily Guille-Marrett is the Senior School Head Girl and Victoria Threakall is Deputy Head Girl.

For the last remaining year of St Maur's Joint Sixth Form with St George's College, St Maur's students Claire Hopkins and Carolyn Asome are Sixth Form Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl and Dawn Coxon is Games Captain.

The Drama Department's Autumn term production of *West Side Story* will take place on December 9, 10 and 11, 1993. The St Maur's European exchanges to *France* and *Germany* will take place in October and December. The Carol Service will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 1993. Presentation Evening will be on Tuesday, December 16, 1993. Term ends on Friday, December 17, 1993.

Nelson letter sale

A letter from Lord Nelson, complaining about two women in the gunroom of the naval vessel *Thalias*, is expected to raise £2,000 at an auction in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The ship was captained by Nisbet, Nelson's stepson whom he described as "uncouth" in the 1799 letter to a rear admiral.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Congreve and Miss A.J. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs John Congreve, of Hales Cottage, Market Drayton, Shropshire, and Amanda Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lawson, of Canonbury Square, London.

Mr N.J. Gregory and Miss A.C.B.J. Laing
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Gregory, of Lois Weedon, Northamptonshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Laing, of Ware, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.A. McGrigor and Miss C.A. Little
The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter McGrigor, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Christine, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Little, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr R.J. Scott Elliot and Miss E.V. Walker
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Alastair Scott Elliot, of Kippen, Stirlingshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Walker, of Alne, North Yorkshire.

Mr D.L. Stent and Miss S.J. Grove
The engagement is announced between Damion, son of the late Mr Anthony Stent and of Mrs Linda Spenceley, of Toronto, Canada, and Suzanna, daughter of Mr John Grove and Dr Lynn Grove, of Rillington, North Yorkshire.

Mr A. Swirsky and Miss C.E. Noblet
The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mrs Yvonne Swirsky, Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Noblet, Bury, Lancashire.

Birthdays today

Mr Eugene Anderson, chairman and chief executive, Ferranti International, 55; His Honour Michael Argyle, QC, 78; Admiral Sir Brian Brown, 59; Professor Robert Hanbury Brown, astronomer, 77; Mr Roy Castle, entertainer, 61; Sir James Cleminson, former chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, 78; Judge de Piro, QC, 74; Miss Liz Forgan, managing director, BBC Radio, 49; Sir William Francis, civil engineer, 67; Mr Richard Gere, actor, 44; Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, 79; Mr Clive Lloyd, cricketer, 49; Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, former director, Jodrell Bank Experimental Station, 80; Mr Van Morrison, singer, 48; Mr Bryan Organ, painter, 58; Mr Itzhak Perlman, violinist, 48; Mr Justice Sheen, 75; Mr Cyril Spencer, former chairman, Waring and Gillow, 69; Mr Clive Standen, principal, British School of Osteopathy, 41.

A.D.D. McCallum

Epsom College
On Tuesday, September 21, at 2.30pm, there will be a service of thanksgiving in the Epsom College Chapel for the life of A.D.D. McCallum, Headmaster of Epsom College from 1962-1970, and on Tuesday, October 5, at 2.30pm, a service of thanksgiving for the life of W.E. Radcliffe, Assistant Master from 1930 to 1966.

Institute of Administrative Management

The following have successfully completed the institute's Diploma in Administrative Management after sitting the June 1993 examinations.

R M Allcott; K Alter; S S Ambikai; Ang Yoon Khim; T A Bahajjaj; S/O N Balakrishnan; M W Baxter; L M Blake; P A Bock; M D Braham; G C Buckley; J Burns; Chan Lai Lee; Chan Tat Wah; Chang Kwai Lan; N J Chapman; M Cher; Chia Si Moey; A J Chilcott; Chong Kim Li; Choy Meng Nui; *N M Colley; E J Crewe; *R Cummins; *A V K Ernecz; T Fabian; Foong Poh Wah; B E Franks; D J Garrett; J Gibson; K Gibson; H M Gledhill; *J Godfrey; R C Hammond; B J Harper; *P Hayward; T P Hazeltine; Hee Lim Fong; Heng Mein Kee; *S M Herbert; Ho Kin Shing; *N L Hughes; A L Jackson; T K Johal; *D Kew; Khong Pak Ee; C Kuek Yen Lay; W Lam Poh Yoke; L Lamarque; C Lawrence; Lee Siew Foong; Leong Yuen Yee; K Leow Wah Keng; S Lew Kim Cheung; Li Fung Choo; Lim Choon Bee; A Lim Soon Kiat; C Lim Suat Hoon; A Lim Wen Huey; J Lodge; Loh Poi Yee; Low Chee Hoong; A Lung Siu Lin; L Maplesden; J S Markham; J N McGucken; J Millar; *S S Millership; Musari Bin Isri Musar; G Neo Ah Guat; Neo Eng Chuan; H Nettleton; Ng Bee Ching; Ng Choon Heng; Ng Choon Mui; Ng Lee Keow; P Ng Peck Kun; Ng Siew Kwee; Ng Sok Imm; R J Ngwenya; C G O'Dean; K O'Rourke; J E Oliverio; E Ong Chwee Hock; A Pacini; V Pillai; S Plumb; A C Ramdewor; K Rankine; M E Robinson; B S Masa'ad Bin S Omar; E A Sackey; D A Sharrock; Siah Geok Khim; J Small; Soh Yan Hua; A Stewart; D Tan Bee Nay; S Tan Chee Noi; Tan Cheng Hoon; Tan Chin Chin; Tan Kah Eng; S Tan Lay Thuan; W Tan Siok Lay; Tan Tau Jong; E Tang Bee Pheng; J Teo Mui Huay; J Toms; *J K Turley; Wan Siew Khim; K M Weaver; D Y Wint; Wong Yoon Foong; Wu Sui Man; M Yang; Yeo Soh Koon.
*denotes distinction.

Deaths

BARSLEY - Michael, beloved husband of Jenny, father of Sara and Margaret and grandfather of Hamish, Andrew, Helen, Tom and Sarah died peacefully in Oxford on 29th August. The funeral will be private. A thanksgiving service will be announced in due course.

COLLINS - Tracie Louise, beloved wife of Bernard Hedgecock, on 25th August at the Middlesex Hospital. Dearly loved by her husband, mother, sister, brother, relatives and the many friends that knew her. Forever Tracie will live in our hearts. Funeral Service at St Laurance's Church, Abbots Langley, on Thursday 2nd September at 2.45 pm followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. Floral tributes or donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent c/o Maclesme Funeral Homes, 857 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford WD2 6LH, tel: (0923) 894116.

Deaths

CLARK – On August 27th, 1993, Evelyn aged 87, peacefully at home, widow of Bill and dear mother of Anne and Jenny. A much loved grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, at 2.30 pm on Friday, September 3rd. Family flowers only but donations if desired, to the Heatherley Cheshire Home c/o Fuller and Scott, Funeral Directors. The Wakelyns, Uckfield TN22 1AJ.

CORK – On 25th August, Margaret, suddenly at home, dearly beloved mother of Rosemary, Gillian, Colin and Malcolm. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by all her family, grandchildren and friends. Funeral at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday, 6th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Bucks Association for the Blind, 143 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP19 3HH.

COWLEY – Peacefully on August 26th Derek Ernest of Dinas Cross, Pembrokeshire and formerly of Lamport Grange, Northamptonshire. Donations in memory to the Cardiac Unit Withybush Hospital, c/o The Manager, Lloyds Bank, Fishguard. Enquiries to Dennie Thomas and Son F/D. tel: 0348 873250.

Deaths

DAREY – Charles, peacefully on August 26th 1993, aged 92 years. Much beloved husband of Ida, dear father of Charles, Michael, Christopher and Jacqueline. Funeral private. Enquiries to A Hoskins & Son Funeral Directors, tel: (0884) 872048 or 890276.

GORDON – On 29th August peacefully at home Ian Graham aged 77. Son of the *late James Gordon* of Karachi and Calcutta. Dearly loved husband of Anne (née Acland). Funeral at St. Mary's, Syston at 2.30 pm on Thursday 2nd September. Family flowers. Donations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society and St. Mary's, Syston, both by cheque to David Holland and Son, London Road, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6HW.

HENDERSON – On 26th August 1993, peacefully in his sleep at an Edinburgh Nursing Home, Sir James *Thyne* Henderson, husband of the late Karma. A funeral service has taken place.

KIRBY – Olive on Saturday 28th August peacefully in hospital. Much missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at 10:30 am on Friday 3rd September at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St. Wilfrids Hospice, Donnington, Chichester.

Deaths

LAURENCE – Justin Noel most tragically on August 25th aged 37. Dearly loved husband of Lotte Rose, beloved eldest son of Keith Laurance and Geraldine Gartrell and dearest brother of Tim and Claudia. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. Donations if desired to Greenpeace, London N1.

LEAKEY – H.W. (Frida) Peacefully on August 19th aged 91. Will be affectionately remembered by all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and so many friends. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving for her life on September 25th, 2.30 at St Andrews Church, Girton.

MORRIS – On 28th August at Chatterwood Nursing Home, Lisa, Charles William, previously of Sleap and Petersfield. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium Friday 3rd September at 2.30 pm.

Deaths

SWEATMAN – On August 26th 1993, at RAF St Athan Gp. Capt. Roger Sweatman MA, RAFRO, aged 58. Wonderful husband of Mary-Anne and John, father-in-law of David and Ann-Marie, jolly grandpa to Robert and Charlie and devoted master of Kelly. Funeral service at RAF St Athan on Friday September 3rd at 12:30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund or Royal Air Force Association, c/o W A Brown Funeral Directors, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major.

TRITTON – On Wednesday 25th August, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Veronica Mary (née Pearson) of Parham Park, Sussex. A thanksgiving service will be held at 3.30 pm on Friday 3rd September at St Mary's, Storrington.

TWEEDIE – Vere Justin MC, on 25th August 1993, peacefully at home. Husband of the late Anne, and of Crystal. Much loved father of Sarah, Amanda and Simon. Family funeral on 2nd September at 4 pm, St Mary's, Winchfield. Donations if wished in lieu of flowers to St. Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke.

Deaths

WARRINGTON – On August 29th 1993 peacefully in hospital after a short illness courageously borne, Carolyn Patricia aged 46, dearly loved mother of Oliver and Katie, sister of Sarah and former wife of Anthony. Deeply missed by her many friends. Funeral Service at 2:30 pm on Thursday 2nd September at St. Paul's, Ashford Hill, near Newbury. Flowers may be sent to Cuming Hopson Ltd, 6/12 Northbrook Street, Newbury. Donations if desired to St. Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, Hants.

WATSON – Guy McOlvin aged 68 on August 26th at home in Cornwall after a long illness so patiently borne. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Mary Jane and granddfather of Edmund and Julia. Funeral at St. Endellion Church on Friday, 3rd September at 2:30 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, Copeman House, St. Mary's Court, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD.

WRIGHT – Michael Beaumont peacefully at home on August 26th. Beloved husband of Maisie, adored father of Penny, Tim, Susie and Andrew and much loved by all of his 9 grandchildren. Funeral Service in Knowle Parish Church Friday 3rd September at 2.15 pm. Private family committal in Robin Hood Crematorium at 3 pm.

In Memoriam – War

AKROYD STUART – Sqdn. Ldr. (Pilot) Anthony (Tony) 31st August 1943 aged 26. *Laid to rest at Roermand, Holland.* Never forgotten by his great friend, Garth.

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Fordwich (pop. 251) claims small place in history

PETER TRIEVNOR



Pedestrians walk unhindered in Fordwich's traffic-free high street; the nearby, and larger, village of Sturry is considerably busier

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE smallest town in Britain does not advertise its presence, nor surely would it ever think it needed to do so. It lies tucked away off the main road between Canterbury and Margate, beside the river Stour and has the serenity that comes with more than 1,318 years of history — over five years for each of its 251 inhabitants.

But Fordwich is certainly not an unfriendly place. Sheelagh Forrester, the Mayor Deputy, seemed only too pleased to have visitors after a friend wrote to *The Times* to dispute a claim made by upstart Llanwrtyd Wells, in Powys, mid-Wales, to be the smallest town.

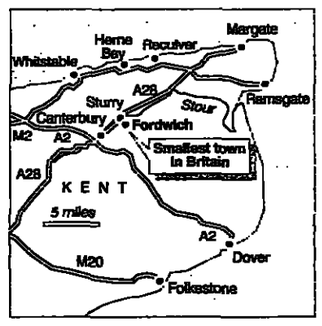
Her curious title dates from the time when Fordwich was a "limb" of the Cinque Port of Sandwich, whose mayor appointed a deputy to represent him. The town was required to supply half a ship a year to the king's navy and still pays 17p annual ship money.

But it was also a sizeable port in its own right in the days when the Wantsum channel, guarded at either end by the Roman forts of Reculver and Richborough, divided the isle of Thanet from the mainland, and ships were able to sail upriver to Fordwich to unload stone from Caen, in Normandy, for the building of Canterbury cathedral.

Following its incorporation as a borough under Henry II, it appears to have had difficulty finding willing candidates for mayor, so much so that anyone minded to refuse the post was warned that he would be punished by having his house pulled down. To tidy Victorian minds its continuing status as a town came to be seen as an anomaly, and it was removed under an act of 1887, only to be restored in 1976.

The five members of the town council, of whom Mrs Forrester's husband, Malcolm, is one, meet "about every two months" in what is said to be the smallest, and is assuredly one of the most charming, town halls anywhere. Dating from the mid-16th century, it consists of a single upstairs chamber with a judge's seat, a tiny jury room and an 800-year-old chest for storing documents. Suspended from a beam is the ducking stool used to punish "scolds", and below the chamber are the prison and the stocks for more serious offenders.

The townspeople own the fishing rights on some nine miles of the Stour between Fordwich and the wonderfully named Plucks Gutter, which are said to have been given to them by King Canute, and the revenue from which is still used to pay for the hall's upkeep. Sir Izaak Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*, was particularly impressed by the size of the local trout.



Nearby is the lovely old church of St Mary the Virgin, where an annual civic service is held, attended by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury and other dignitaries, and for which the splendid town mace is brought out. The town also has two pubs and a farm shop; at one time it had two other shops, a school and a post office, but their loss matters less than it might have done, since the much larger village of Sturry is only a few minutes' walk across the river.

Most people in Fordwich are retired, Mrs Forrester says, but there are a few commuters to Sandwich, Canterbury and even London. It is peaceful enough apart from the traffic, she adds, not that that is something a visitor would ever notice.

An English idyll? Very nearly. But people are concerned about the increasing crime rate. Said one local: "We get no end of break-ins, because they think we're all wealthy here. It's not true, of course. But after living here for 14 years, I certainly wouldn't want to go back to Surbiton."

Experts may preserve warship

EXPERTS are considering whether to raise and preserve what is almost certainly the largest warship built in medieval England.

Modern technology has enabled them to date the timbers of the wreck in the mud of a Hampshire river as 600 years old and it is thought to be that of the *Grace Dieu*, built for Henry V between 1416 and 1420.

However, unlike the Tudor warship *Mary Rose*, lifted from the silt of the Solent and displayed at Portsmouth, the remains of the *Grace Dieu*, which lies in the River Hamble, has no artifacts on board.

Radiocarbon dating has been used to identify the age of the wreck which, at one time, was thought to be an old Danish war galley. At low tide on five or six days a year, the top six inches can be seen.

Professor Sean McGrail, the archaeologist in charge of investigating it, says there is a "slight question mark" over whether it is the *Grace Dieu* but historical information and the dating make it likely.

The remains, looking like a "rather shallow elongated bowl", consist of the bottom of the hull, about five or six feet high, with three layers of planking and heavy thick framing timbers, according to Professor McGrail.

He said experts would now consider whether it was worth the cost of lifting the wreck and the ensuing expense of its conservation. "The gain in information would have to be weighed against the costs."

Professor McGrail, Professor of Maritime Archaeology at Oxford University, added: "There are no real artifacts or guns or personal possessions, as with the Mary Rose. On the other hand, the ship is very interesting technologically. It is 100 years older than the Mary Rose and we know less about them."

The *Grace Dieu* was one of four great ships commissioned by Henry V and had three masts, the tallest estimated to have been nearly 200 feet high. After her one voyage was marred by mutiny, she was moored at Hamble and then towed upriver where she was struck by lightning and burnt out. By 1859 the wreck was said to be "one of four Danish ships burned here by the Saxons in 877".

York household steps back in time

A 14TH-CENTURY tiled hearth has been installed in York's latest tourist attraction, the recreation of a late medieval household (Norman Hammond writes). Excavated this year on a development site, the hearth now forms the focal point of Barley Hall, an ancient building which has emerged from the chrysalis of later additions and adaptations.

The hearth is made of broken red roof tiles, set on edge in four quadrants about a yard square. Found during York Archaeological Trust's excavations at Rawcliffe near York, it was lifted in pieces and reassembled in the middle of the newly-tiled floor of the great hall, flanked by faithful replicas of medieval benches and wall-hangings.

The trust, which already runs the Jorvik Viking Centre in the city, took over the buildings, just south of York Minster, and has restored them to their 15th-century state using traditional materials and methods.

Archival research has revealed much about the family's history, and about the furnishing of houses like Barley Hall. There are plans to repopulate the building with trained interpreters, in costume and in role, living the life of a busy medieval household. Reproductions of medieval artifacts shown are already for sale in a shop next door.

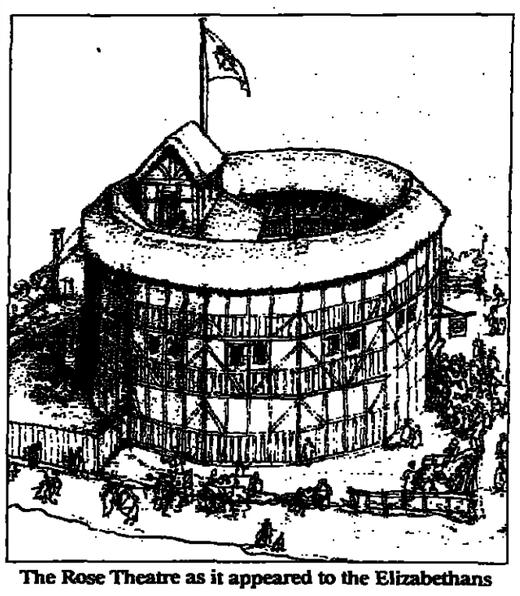
Rose remains face decay threat

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EXCAVATION of the Rose Theatre in south London could be threatening the fragile remains that archaeologists and Shakespearean scholars wish to preserve.

English Heritage experts are worried that chemical changes detected at the site in Southwark may lead to deterioration of what remains of the only excavated playhouse of the Shakespearean age. The changes "suggest that the site may be becoming less anaerobic", according to Mike Corfield, English Heritage's head of artifact conservation and technology.

In plain terms, this means that more oxygen is filtering into the site, which has been buried under a protective membrane for the past four years while a solution allowing its permanent preservation and display is sought. Materials that have been preserved by the absence of oxygen, such as waterlogged wood, may deteriorate rapidly once air gets to them.



The Rose Theatre as it appeared to the Elizabethans

Mr Corfield told the Committee for Conservation of the International Council of Museums recently: "We have been concerned to see unusual changes in pH and increases in dissolved oxygen; we have also had considerable sulphate crystallisation." The sulphates are thought to come from the London clay underlying the Rose Theatre. "If this is so, we have to discover why it is happening and if there is any risk from it to the theatre remains," he said.

The observations have come as part of a monitoring programme in which soil moisture probes were inserted into the thin deposits left after demolition of the Elizabethan playhouse less than 20 years after its construction in 1587.

The remains of the Rose lie in a basement below an office block. Much of the archaeological evidence consists of foundation trenches and floor levels, which had attained chemical stability over the last 390 years, a stability disturbed when the site was uncovered in 1989 and requiring swift action from conservators.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Lever, novelist, Dublin, 1806; Maria Montessori, educator, Chiravelle, Italy, 1870; Wilhelmina, Queen of The Netherlands 1890-1948, The Hague, 1880; Billy "Bombardier" Wells, British heavyweight boxing champion 1911-19, 1889; Frederic March, actor, Racine, Wisconsin, 1897.

DEATHS: King Henry V, reigned 1413-22, Vincennes, France, 1422; John Bunyan, writer and preacher, London, 1688; Jon Keill, philosopher, Oxford, 1721; Louise de Bougainville, navigator and scientist, Paris, 1811; Arthur Phillip, preacher and writer, 1st Governor of New South Wales, Bath, 1814; Charles Baudelaire, poet, Paris, 1867; Georges Braque, Cubist painter, Paris, 1963; Ilya Ehrenburg, novelist and poet, Moscow, 1967; John Ford, film director, California, 1973; Henry Moore, sculptor and painter, Hertfordshire, 1986; Urho Kekkonen, President of Finland 1956-82, Finland, 1986. The murder of Mary Ann Nichols in Whitechapel, London, the first victim of Jack the Ripper, 1888.

Buckingham Palace

The State Apartments at Buckingham Palace will be open every day until October 1. Opening hours are from 9.30 am to 5.30pm and the last admission is at 4.30.
The Queen's Gallery is open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Tuesdays to Saturdays and from 2.00 to 5.00 pm on Sundays.
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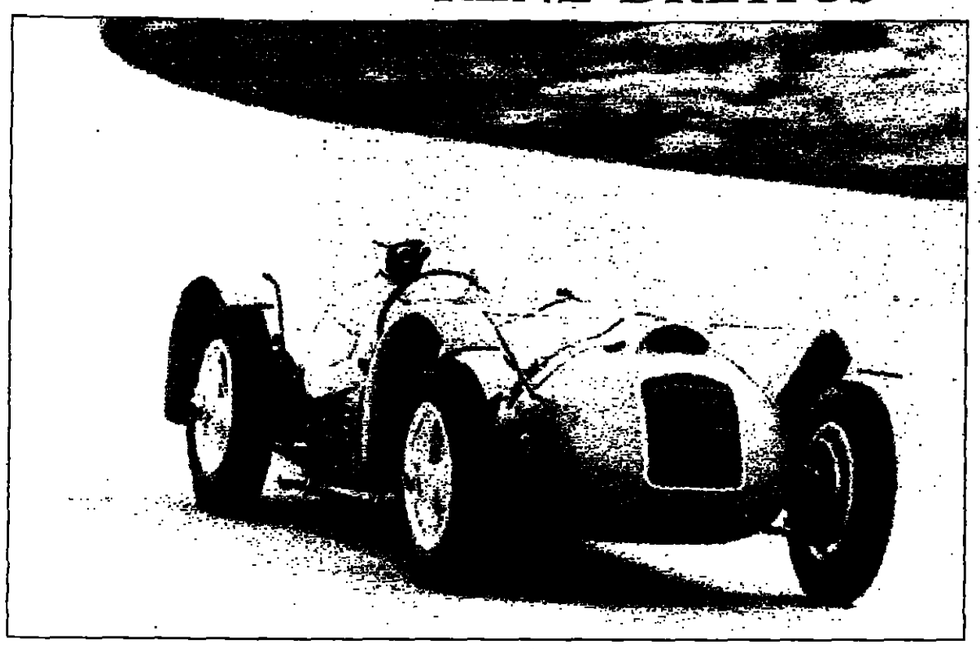
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OBITUARIES

RENÉ DREYFUS



René Dreyfus, international racing driver and restaurateur, died in New York on August 16 aged 88. He was born in Nice in 1905.

THOUGH his racing days had come and gone before the inception of today's Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit, René Dreyfus never lost touch with the sport he adorned with such distinction in the 1930s and the early postwar years. In 1952, after his final retirement from the track, he opened Le Chanteclair restaurant on New York's 49th Street.

Le Chanteclair, just off Madison Avenue in an exclusive district of Manhattan, soon became one of the most fashionable eating places in the city, and a favourite pit-stop for international racing drivers who came to swap stories with a legend of their trade. Motor racing was in its hey-day as a spectator sport when Dreyfus, the son of a linen merchant, took to the track in the late 1920s. The drivers were glamorous figures, mostly rich young men, who duelled in machines that would never pass the MOT test in today's world.

The tyres were narrow, the brakes poor, the suspension and road handling rarely capable of coping with the power of the engines. Safety precautions, even the use of crash helmets, were non-existent. Drivers sat in open cockpits, in goggles and leather helmets, wrestling huge steering wheels to the delight of cheering crowds — who were often in as much danger as they were.

It was a tribute to Dreyfus's skill that, unlike most of his contemporaries, he survived these hazards to live to old age. Beginning as an amateur driver, his career took off when he attracted the attention of the local agent for Bugatti in Nice.

He was not yet a member of the official factory team, but in 1930 he entered the Monaco Grand Prix and won it at an average speed of 53.6mph in three hours and 41 minutes. On that day, the Bugatti works drivers, who included the legendary Louis Chiron, were left wallowing in his dust.

Dreyfus was soon hired by the Bugatti factory, but could do no better than third in the Monaco Grands Prix of 1933 and 1934. The following year he switched to an Alfa Romeo and took second place to the then-unbeatable Mercedes of Luigi Fagioli. In 1938, Dreyfus got his revenge over the Mercedes team on the tortuous circuit at Pau, driving a 4.5 litre unsupercharged Delahaye to defeat Hermann Lang and the great Caracciola.

It was an era of nationalism in motor racing, when cars raced in their national colours and their triumphs were celebrated by such as Hitler and Mussolini. Dreyfus, however, did not limit himself to the French blue of Bugatti, Talbot and Delahaye. He was equally at home in the Italian red of Maserati and Alfa Romeo, though when he and his fellow Frenchman, Chiron, were about to be hired as works drivers for the Italian teams, Mussolini intervened to save national pride.



Dreyfus, above, and, left, with the Delahaye at the Montlhéry circuit in 1937

With the outbreak of the second world war, Dreyfus joined the French Army. But as Race Champion of France, a title he had earned in 1938, he was given special leave to travel to the United States on a goodwill mission. There he also represented his country in the Indianapolis 500 — though the car he had to drive was an Italian Maserati. The oval race track required a totally different technique from the Grand Prix circuits he was used to, but Dreyfus still managed a respectable 10th place, no mean feat as modern F1 drivers have found on making the transition.

With the fall of Paris, Dreyfus stayed in America and joined the US Army. He resumed his racing career briefly after the war, but the glory days were over. In the early 1960s he received the Legion of Honour from President Charles de Gaulle for his achievements.

René Dreyfus is survived by his brother Maurice, who used to act as his mechanic, and by his sister Suzanne.

TATIANA TROYANOS

Tatiana Troyanos, Greek-American mezzo-soprano, died of cancer on August 22 aged 54. She was born on September 12, 1938.



LONDON rarely heard Tatiana Troyanos at her best. She had just turned thirty and was beginning to establish herself in Europe, especially in Hamburg, when she made her first Covent Garden appearance, as Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier*. She was re-engaged for a number of seasons in the early 1970s, most notably as Carmen, but too often she was dogged on opening night by throat and sinus problems.

This was the case when she was last heard at the Royal Opera, after a ten-year gap, in 1985 as Romeo in Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*. Her prominent dark and lustrous eyes still flashed. Her figure looked trim in the trouser roles in which she had specialised since the start of her career. But Britain too often seemed to cast a blight on the voice. It was left to other countries, most notably in recent years her native America, to enjoy Troyanos's extraordinary range and brilliance as a singer.

She excelled in Handel, with especial successes in *Giulio Cesare* and *Ariodante*. She was ready to tackle contemporary opera: early on in her career in Hamburg she created the role of Jeanne in Penderecki's *Die Teufel von Loudun*. At the Met Troyanos took on the regular mezzo parts of the Italian repertory — Amneris, Eboli — and in the last few years had started on Wagner. The only major opera composer she tended to avoid was Rossini, perhaps believing that he was best left to her major American mezzo rivals, Marilyn Horne and Frederica von Stade.

Tatiana Troyanos had a broken childhood. Her parents separated shortly after her birth and she was brought up by various relatives. Probably this spurred her ambition. She fought her way to the Juillard, where she studied with Hans Heinz. She worked as a secretary, sang in the chorus of *The Sound of Music* and, following in the footsteps of many of her fellow students, eventually got a contract with the New York City Opera. There she made her debut as Hippolyta in Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and stayed with the company for the next two years.

Rolf Liebermann, then director of the Hamburg State Opera and one of Europe's astutest opera administrators, spotted her potential and brought her to Germany. There Strauss forged her reputation. She appeared at the Aix-en-Provence festival as the Composer in *Ariadne auf Naxos*. It was not just the lustre in the voice which made Troyanos's performance memorable, but her whole bearing. She had the ability to convey youthful ardour, young hopes and ambitions untainted by maturity.

These were precisely the qualities which she brought also to Octavian, the role for which Salzburg engaged her for the 1969 *Rosenkavalier*. That wisest of Straussians, Karl Böhm, was the conductor and Christa Ludwig the Marschallin. The year before at Covent Garden Troyanos had partnered Lisa della Casa in the same opera. She was beginning to sing with the very best.

Her mezzo was probably at its richest in the early to mid 1970s. She recorded Mozart with Böhm and Leinsdorf and, in 1975, the title role of *Carmen* under Solti, with Domingo as José. It was at the same period that she made the most distinguished of her Salzburg appearances as Sesto in Mozart's *La clemenza di Tito*, memorably staged by the late Jean-Pierre Ponnelle in the Felsenreitschule and conducted by James Levine.

Troyanos consistently refused either to be typecast or to be confined to a limited repertory. She made forays into Donizetti and Bellini, ending with the latter's Romeo. Then, in total contrast, she made a speciality of Massenet's susceptible heroine, Charlotte, in *Werther*. There the dark colouring of the Troyanos mezzo accorded perfectly with Charlotte's more distraught moods. Her regular partner in this opera was Alfredo Kraus and fortunately they recorded it together under Michel Plasson.

Tatiana Troyanos tended to be associated with lovelorn boys and doomed ladies, although the range of the latter was considerable and stretched from the Countess Geschwitz in the Met's first *Lulu* to Mascagni's Santuzza. Comedy did not appear to be her strength.

However Leonard Bernstein thought differently when he cast her in his recording of *West Side Story* as Anita, alongside José Carreras and Kiri Te Kanawa. When Anita starts the company off singing "America" Troyanos may well have been reminded of her own multiracial upbringing in Manhattan.

Her international career was founded in Europe and nurtured there. It was not until 1976 she made her debut at the Met, inevitably as Octavian. But once she had triumphed at the Lincoln Center, as she did on that night of March 8, she stayed. Last autumn there she created the role of Queen Isabella in Philip Glass's *The Voyage*. She was a New York lady at heart.

ARCHDEACON JOHN YOUENS

Archdeacon John Youens, CB, OBE, MC, Chaplain General to the Forces, 1966-74, died on August 24 aged 78. He was born on September 29, 1914.

JOHN YOUENS was always very much a soldier's chaplain, getting on equally well with officers and other ranks alike. Even those who met him for the first time were immediately struck by him. He first encountered, for example, Brigadier Sir John Smyth, VC, when the latter was writing a history of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. But that meeting, as Brigadier Smyth was later to recall, "forged a friendship that will last all my life".

John Ross Youens was the son of Canon Fernley Algernon Youens. Educated at Buxton College and Kelham Theological College, he was ordained in 1939 at Southwark Cathedral. In 1940 he volunteered to be a chaplain to the forces and served in various theatres of war including Europe and the Middle East. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1945.

During the war he realised that most chaplains — with a purely formal theological background — had not received the training that fitted them for service with troops in action, and he suggested a battle-school to remedy this deficiency. The battle-school proved a useful aid to chaplains who had to deal with shell-shocked, wounded or dying men in time of battle.

After the war he became senior chaplain to the Third Infantry Division, commanded by Major-General "Bolo" Whistler. The division moved to Egypt where Whistler, who was a keen churchman, took a keen interest in his chaplains and their ability to teach the troops. He set Youens an exercise which required leading his chaplains to the top of Mount Sinai, where he was to read the Ten Commandments to them and then to discuss explaining them to the men. When the division moved to Palestine Whistler determined that as many officers and men as possible should be given the opportunity to visit the holy places. Youens and his chaplains assisted divisional officers in arranging for 7,000 soldiers to visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Galilee area.

In 1945 Youens was selected as senior chaplain of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, where he established an admirable rapport both with the officers on the staff and the 800 cadets under training. A system of regular instruction in the Christian faith was devised.

Known as Padre's Hours, periods were set aside in the training schedule, and these sessions proved popular with the cadets as a means of dealing with religious and moral problems. The week's work culminated on Sundays with well-attended services in the superb Academy chapel.

In 1959 Youens was appointed OBE, and in 1960 he became assistant chaplain general to the British Army of the Rhine. All Anglican chaplains receive their licences to officiate from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The man who had just become archbishop was Michael Ramsey, and Youens invited him to visit the chaplains in Germany. In an address the archbishop assured the clergy of his constant awareness of the role of the armed forces in defence of peace, and his pride in those of his clergy who were ministering to servicemen and their families away from home.

Youens was created archdeacon on his appointment as Chaplain General in 1966. In the same year he appointed the Rev Dr David Whiteford, a minister of the Church of Scotland, as deputy chaplain general. Together they were successful in drawing together what was called the "brotherhood of chaplains" into a fraternity comprising all denominations, Anglican, Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic and Free Church, all bound together by a bond of friendship and understanding. A new syllabus of character training was drawn up, and a manual of services and prayer for all occasions was devised, and distributed to all chaplains to aid and facilitate their work.

For his services to the Army, Youens was appointed CB in 1970. He was Chaplain to the Queen from 1969 to 1984 and Senior Treasurer of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy from 1982 to 1984. Youens was an inspiring speaker, without mannerism or affectation, with a dry sense of humour and a directness which appealed to young and old alike.

He is survived by his wife Pamela and one son. His two daughters predeceased him.



ALFRED SHINDLER

Alfred Burnett Shindler, City solicitor, died in London on August 25 aged 80. He was born on August 31, 1912.

ALFRED SHINDLER was for nearly thirty years a member of the Court of Common Council of the City of London and since 1982, Deputy for the Ward of Billingsgate. A popular and respected figure in the City of London, he was particularly well-known to the legal profession principally as the founder of the solicitors' firm which bears his name and in which he was still actively involved almost until his death.

Shindler was also much admired for his work as a member and past chairman of the London International Court of Arbitration. A few weeks before he fell into his final illness he had been looking forward with his customary self-teasing trepidation to chairing the reception committee organising the dinner to be held this autumn marking the centenary of the London Court of International Arbitration. That dinner, incidentally, is the first which will be held in the newly refurbished Mansion House.

Alfred Shindler was born in London and left school — Highbury County — at the age of 16 hoping to become a solicitor. He studied at the Law Society's School of Law and was admitted as a solicitor in 1935. Not long afterwards, he achieved his ambition to found his own practice which one of his daughters and a son-in-law now continue.

As well as the law, he was



involved in numerous charitable activities and social and historical bodies. He was a life governor of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (it was cancer which he suffered from and which caused his death). He was honorary solicitor to many organisations, including the Honourable The Irish Society. He was also a past president of the City Livery Club and a former chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George.

An out-going and gregarious man, Alfred Shindler was not one to suffer fools gladly, but he was too generous of spirit ever to let them know. He was a great man to meet at a City of London reception and dinner, enjoying the fun and gossip of such occasions without ever taking too much of it too seriously. He served, whenever asked, on most committees and sub-committees of the City Corporation over a period of more than a quarter of a century.

Less widely known was the help he quietly gave throughout his life to those who needed it, both practical and in terms of wise counsel. He had almost indefatigable energy and enthusiasm for every thing he did which made it at times hard for others to keep up with him.

Apart from his family, the law and the City of London, he was a passionate gardener — he was a former chairman of the Orchid Society of Great Britain — and boasted with some justification that he skied better than any member of his family in his 77th year.

He leaves a widow and three daughters.

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BY BERNARD SHAW

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From Our Special Correspondent

BUXTON, August 30

Buxton, the second of the English spas to add to its amenities a festival of drama, has been commendably astute in borrowing for it the prestige of the Old Vic. No suspicion of second-rateness can attach to a company led by Miss Diana Wynyard, Miss Marie Ney and Mr. Emlyn Williams; and if the programme of plays, *Pygmalion*, *Ghosts*, and *Measure for Measure*, sits a little grimly on a festival (even one held in a resort with the braced, hardy look of Buxton), at least it has the advantage of giving visitors the opportunity to enjoy in advance the work which Londoners will see this autumn in the Waterloo Road.

Pygmalion, though it consists merely of amusing ideas that lead nowhere, and represents Mr Shaw in one of his rare moods of acquiescence in the conventional idea of what a play should be, makes an agreeable opening piece. It must have been seen, the author once remarked, by every playgoer in the universe, and if that were literally true many would still be glad to see it again. It is as easy to forget as to enjoy. The professor of phonetics and the cockney girl appear not as real persons with real and memorable troubles of their own, but as amusing eccentrics whose brilliantly dexterous abusive encounters extort our continuously admiring interest and wavering partisanship. Now we are on one side, now on the other, but, since our intellectual integrity is never at stake, we always have the satisfaction of laughing with the victor. If the play were serious in its fundamental criticism of life, this satisfaction would be denied to dyed-in-the-wool romantics among the audience, but as it is we are neither romantics nor anti-romantics. We are sportsmen, and the spectacle of a wittily abusive professor being "told off" by a gamely sparring cockney gutter snipe is extremely diverting.

The special interest of tonight's performance in the Opera House was the playing by Miss Wynyard of the cockney flower seller whose deplorable vowels and manner are manhandled into a charming respectability. The character is outside her usual range, and in the opening scene there are signs that the actress is consciously thinking herself into an essentially unsympathetic part. Her draggle-tailed gutter snipe is a rather synthetic creation, put together by skilful but over-deliberate artifice. But once Eliza's education has been taken in hand Miss Wynyard is much more at ease, suggesting with clever touches the gaily ironic cockney mind which has been polished and proceeding to draw a lively and likeable portrait in which charm and good sense sparkle together.

ON THIS DAY

August 31 1937

Buxton's festival of drama was fortunate in attracting some of the Old Vic prestige to the spa town. In this production Diana Wynyard played the, for her unusual, part of Eliza Doolittle while Robert Morley took on Henry Higgins.

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY AUGUST 31 1993

NEWS

Hardliners attack Middle East deal

■ Arab and Jewish extremists launched a desperate attempt to sabotage the unprecedented deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation that is due to be announced today.

Angry Palestinian radicals sounded warnings of civil war and one threatened Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, with assassination. In Israel, right-wing extremists threw a grenade at a minister's house in protest at plans to give the Palestinians limited self-rule ..... Pages 1, 11

Howard to privatise more jails

■ Despite last week's highly critical report by Judge Stephen Tumim on the privately run Wolds remand prison, Michael Howard, the home secretary, is to announce plans for the privatisation of more jails in England and Wales ..... Page 1

Somalia blunder

American special force soldiers arrested United Nations employees in Mogadishu and blew up buildings in error, in a spectacularly bungled operation. They believed they were attacking a command centre of the Mogadishu warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid ..... Page 1

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ITV executives are to revive plans to move the *News at Ten* to an early evening slot, in spite of the political furore the plans aroused when they were first leaked in June ..... Page 1

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Golf drives which soar undreamt-of distances, soccer free-kicks which curve beyond anything even Garrincha produced — even table tennis shots which loop the loop — are all possible if sportsmen and women apply scientific principles, a physicist has claimed ..... Page 1

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Many senior Tories are on the list of likely MP casualties which grows virtually every week as the Boundary Commission publishes recommendations for reshaping constituencies to reflect shifts in populations ..... Page 2

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Raw sewage that pollutes some of the most popular tourist beaches in the West Country will do so for years to come, according to conservationists who plan to take legal action to clean up the coastline ..... Page 3

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A major social survey shows that marriage breakdowns are creating a new underclass of women, trapped in a downward poverty spiral, a British Association Science Festival meeting was told. The survey explodes the myth of the "new man" ..... Page 4

EC rules hit Downs

European Community measures to cut surplus food production is undermining conservation of the South Downs, which contain some of the last remaining areas of chalk grassland in Britain, farmers and wildlife experts claim ..... Page 5

War crimes pledge

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, has said that all war criminals in former Yugoslavia will be brought to justice. He promised that the UN would support an international war crimes tribunal ..... Page 9

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Angolan government forces are reported to have killed more than 2,000 Unita rebels over the past week. Aid workers say the continuing carnage has been overshadowed by media interest in events in Bosnia and Somalia ... Page 10

Air deaths 'mistake'

A Russian investigation into the shooting down ten years ago of Korean Airlines flight 007, when 269 people wdre killed, has concluded that it was the result of a "chain of mistakes and coincidences" ..... Page 10

Championship chess countdown

■ With the opening of *The Times* World Chess Championship only one week away, the contenders are settling into their tough training regimes. The contrasting approaches of Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov are examined in a special report to preview the £1.7 million contest, and Raymond Keene, chess correspondent, assesses form ..... Page 6



Bianca Baker-Gover holding a giant atlas silk moth thought to be the largest bred in captivity. The female moth, which was hatched at the New Forest Butterfly Farm, Ashurst, Hants, has a wingspan of 10.5 inches and wing tips shaped like snake heads

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Rail sell-off: The first of Japan's seven property-rich former state railways to be privatised has been has been valued at £10 billion in an auction for its shares, which are to be quoted on the Tokyo stock exchange ..... Page 36

Jobless record: As unemployment in France reached a record of 3.21 million, ministers said that the rebuilding of the European currency system is a higher priority than a dash for growth ..... Page 36

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Golf: Joakim Haeggman will be the first Swedish player to take part in the Ryder Cup after being chosen alongside the Spanish pair, Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal, as wild card selections in the European team to play America at The Belfry ..... Pages 19, 23

Cricket: Middlesex have won the county championship after Northamptonshire, their only challengers, failed to beat Leicestershire ..... Pages 19, 21

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Radical surgery: Transplants could be carried out on unborn children using aborted foetal limbs and organs ..... Page 13

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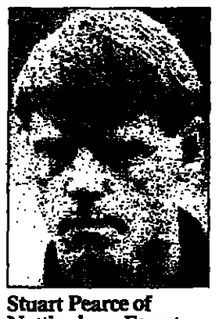
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Back where he belongs: More than 15 years ago, the actor Ian Holm suffered a breakdown. The ensuing years saw various offers, but Holm rejected them all — until Harold Pinter came along with his new play, *Moonlight*, which opens this week ..... Page 27

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President Yeltsin plans to visit Germany to see off the last Russian soldier, but the withdrawal is causing problems at home Page 10

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Politicians seduced by science

■ "Science education has achieved a status within government akin to famine relief and animal welfare. Its value is put beyond question and beyond price." Simon Jenkins on a grand venture gone wrong

Avoiding a restoration tragedy

■ Tempted to buy a romantic-looking old mill? The homes page explains how to restore it without being tripped up by some unusual problems

Best bets for autumn arts

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A university student (Matt McGrath) becomes the prime suspect in the mini-series *Cruel Doubt* (ITV, 9pm) ..... Page 35

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After the karaoke

Like many other sports, politics has almost no off-season. After the briefest respite, in which Michael Portillo roamed almost alone, Her Majesty's other ministers, and those who would replace them, are returning to their accustomed chairs. Each year, perhaps, they ask themselves why they bother ..... Page 15

Money for study

The policy of expanding Britain's higher education has been more laudable than its execution. The government has willed the end, a better educated Britain, but it has not willed the means ..... Page 15

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Fanatical scrabble players suffer from the sort of mild dementia that can, when channeled, turn an average society into a great one. Their obsession is of an elevated, almost brahminical, kind ..... Page 15

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BERNARD LEVIN

If I am asked about the people who run this country's insurance companies, building societies, mortgage-broker offices and other organisations involved in our monetary system, I hesitate to declare that not even one of them knows his arse from his elbow, but I do not hesitate for long ..... Page 14

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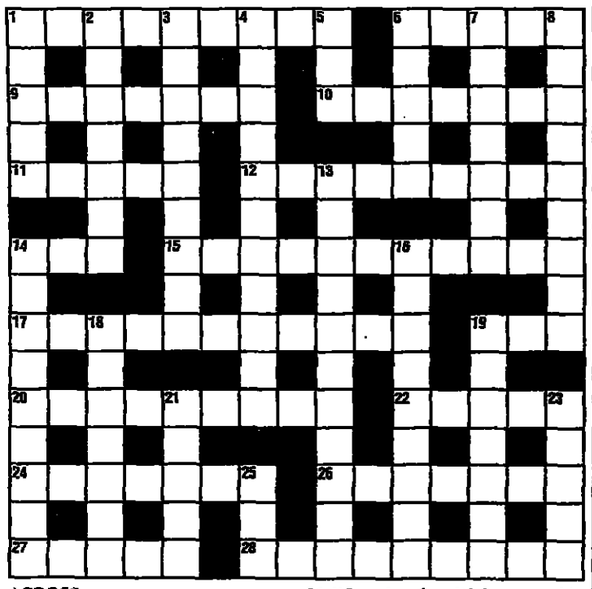
Japan doesn't want to be a diplomatic wallflower any more, but it isn't going to be truly sought after until its would-be partners know it can be trusted

— Wall Street Journal

In granting refugee status to a relatively small number of former Iraqi soldiers, the United States is being faithful to its own humane traditions

— Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,323



ACROSS

1 Flag is down, and safe (4,5).
6 Copy three notes (5).
9 Search for smuggled liquor (7).
10 Boy in distress — Oliver, possibly (7).
11 Left me in it. I'll be bound (5).
12 Converted characters from St Ives are dogmatic (9).
14 Mother wants door at front unhinged (3).
15 State "Riddle has no solution" (5,6).
17 Lies and cheats in pursuit of cotton plantation (11).
19 Shake glass of beer (3).
20 Vessel capturing a river boat (9).
22 Stand and head off animal (5).
24 28's opposite — opposite a town (7).
26 When I retire, I'd be met with many changes (7).
27 Riddle is about a woman (5).
28 Transparency showing a SE resort (9).

DOWN

1 Black instrument upset girl (5).
2 Nude man redressed, but not identified (7).
3 Drunk in Scotland begged to hold a flower (9).
4 Clear out to keep a ward free (4,1,6).
5 Epitaph for a libertine (3).
6 Runner suffering upset in the preliminaries (5).
7 Island was the making of one artist (7).
8 Trick sensitive competitor (9).
13 Enchanting little creature in competition (8,3).
14 The moment to go over the intersection in bike race (9).
16 I hold up a wastrel going round America (9).
18 Soldiers follow the course of power struggle (3,4).
19 *Magistrate is only reserve* (7).
21 Bewilderment about one cereal (5).
23 City is in the forefront, it's said (5).
25 Many irreconcilable parties finally come to an agreement (3).

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WEATHER

Parts of southwest England, the Channel Isles and northeast Scotland will be misty with patchy rain or drizzle but it will become drier. The rest of the British Isles will be cloudy at times with some sunny periods developing, especially in Northern Ireland and western Scotland. Temperatures will be similar to yesterday's, with mostly light winds. Outlook: bright spells after possible overnight fog. Scotland will have patchy rain on Thursday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Luxor	43	109	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Madrid	25	77	f
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Malaga	24	75	f
Amst'dm	16	61	c	Malta	29	84	f
Athens	32	90	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	28	82	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	22	72	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	22	72	s
Barcelona	24	75	s	Moscow	10	50	r
Beirut	30	86	s	Munich	18	64	s
Belgrade	20	68	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	13	55	r	Naples	26	79	s
Bermuda*	31	88	f	N Delhi	35	95	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	N York*	29	84	s
Borde'x	23	73	s	Nice	24	75	s
Brussels	15	59	d	Oslo	14	57	c
Budapst	19	66	f	Paris	22	72	s
B Aires*	15	59	s	Peking	31	88	f
Cairo	37	99	s	Perth	13	55	f
Cape Tn	20	68	r	Prague	19	66	f
Chicago*	21	70	r	Reykjavik	14	57	c
Ch'church	9	48	s	Rhodes	32	90	s
Cologne	15	59	r	Rio de J	33	91	s
C'phagn	14	57	r	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	19	66	s	Salzburg	18	64	f
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Faro	28	82	s	Santiago*	10	50	r
Florence	24	77	s	S Paulo*	31	88	s
Frankfurt	20	68	f	Seoul	29	84	s
Funchal	22	72	s	Stkholm	13	55	c
Geneva	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Gibraltar	20	68	c	Sydney	17	63	c
Helsinki	13	55	f	Tangier	27	81	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Innsbruck	18	64	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Istanbul	22	72	r	Tokyo	28	82	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	23	73	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Tunis	29	84	f
Karachi	31	88	c	Valencia	23	73	c
L Palmas	26	79	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	s
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Lisbon	26	79	s	Vienna	19	66	f
Locarno	22	72	s	Warsaw	16	61	r
L Angels*	24	75	s	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Luxembg	18	64	f	Wel'ngton	8	46	s
Luxor	43	109	s	Zurich	19	66	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.1	0.02	17	63	sunny
Anglesey	0.8	0.12	16	61	drizzle
Aviemore	5.4	0.01	18	64	bright
Belfast	0.8	-	16	61	drizzle
Birmingham	5.6	-	19	66	sunny
Bognor Regis	12.4	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	11.3	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	7.3	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	4.3	-	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	7.4	-	19	66	bright
Clacton	9.6	-	20	68	sunny
Colwyn Bay	3.2	0.01	19	66	shower
Cromer	x	-	21	70	sunny
Eastbourne	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	4.2	-	19	66	sunny
Eskdalemuir	2.6	-	17	63	drizzle
Exmouth	8.0	-	20	68	bright
Falmouth	9.3	-	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	4.6	-	18	64	drizzle
Guernsey	12.0	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	10.8	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	8.5	-	20	68	sunny
Isle of Man	1.7	0.02	17	63	drizzle
Jersey	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Kinloss	0.3	0.01	16	61	cloudy
Leeds	5.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Lerwick	0.6	0.10	11	52	shower
Littlehampton	11.8	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	4.6	-	17	63	sunny
London	10.1	-	22	72	sunny
Lowestoft	9.0	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	6.0	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Minehead	x	-	20	68	bright
Morecambe	2.2	0.02	17	63	shower
Newquay	11.3	-	19	66	sunny
Nottingham	6.6	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	x	-	20	68	sunny
Plymouth	9.2	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	10.7	-	23	73	sunny
Scarborough	10.7	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	11.4	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Strd	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.5	-	20	68	cloudy
Shanklin	12.0	-	19	66	sunny
Southsea	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	1.1	0.05	14	57	drizzle
Swanage	11.3	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	9.5	-	21	70	sunny
Tenby	1.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Tiree	1.4	0.10	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	11.3	-	22	72	sunny

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6pm, 46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,023.8 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Heathrow 23C (73F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland 0.20in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, W. Sussex 12.4hr.

MANCHESTER

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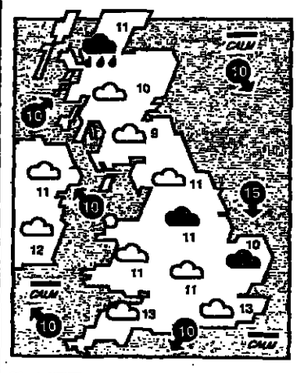
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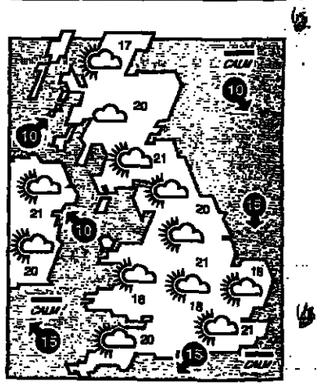
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Austria Sch	18.78	17.26
Belgium Fr	57.10	52.70
Canada $	2.109	1.949
Cyprus CypE	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.99	10.19
Finland Mkk	9.36	8.56
France Fr	9.29	8.59
Germany Dm	2.669	2.459
Greece Dr	369.59	344.59
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2489.57	2344.57
Japan Yen	175.49	155.99
Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.545	10.745
Portugal Esc	268.64	250.14
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	211.93	197.93
Sweden Kr	12.77	11.97
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	18000.0	17000.0
USA $	1.510	1.460

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.19 pm to 5.41 am
Bristol 8.29 pm to 5.51 am
Edinburgh 6.40 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 8.31 pm to 5.46 am
Penzance 8.39 pm to 6.05 am

Sun rises: 6.11 am
Sun sets: 7.49 pm
Moon sets 5.36 am
Moon rises 7.06 pm

Full moon tomorrow

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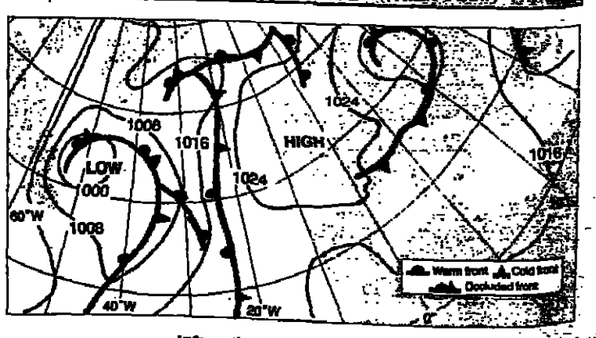
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	18	64	s	Guernsey	18	64	s
B'rmgham	17	63	f	Inverness	14	57	s
Blackpool	18	61	s	Jersey	19	66	c
Bristol	20	68	f	London	19	66	c
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'nchster	17	63	f
Edinburgh	16	61	f	Newcastle	16	61	r
Glasgow	19	66	s	R'nldsway	17	63	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.16	7.0	2.30	6.9	Liverpool	11 49	8.9	—	—
Aberdeen	1.27	4.0	2.02	4.0	Lowestoft	9.46	2.4	10.35	2.9
Avonmouth	7.43	12.5	8.02	12.9	Margate	12.36	4.5	12.36	4.5
Belfast	11 34	3.2	11 45	3.4	Milford Haven	8 40	6.4	8.57	6.8
Cardiff	7.28	11.6	7.47	12.0	Newquay	5.31	6.5	5.48	6.8
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	11.34	8.4	11 57	8.3	Penzance	5.10	5.1	5.21	5.4
Falmouth	5 42	4.9	6 04	5.1	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	1.17	4.7	1.42	4.3	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	12.08	3.9	12.22	3.9	Shoreham	11.50	5.9	—	—
Holyhead	10.57	5.1	11 04	5.5	Southampton	11 39	4.4	11.41	4.3
Hull	6.40	7.1	7 15	6.9	Swansea	7.00	9.0	7.15	9.3
Ilfracombe	6.27	8.5	6.44	8.8	Tees	3.58	5.1	4.28	5.0
King's Lynn	6.50	6.3	7.27	6.2	Wilton-on-Nze	12.04	4.1	12.15	4.1
Leith	2.55	5.3	3.26	5.3					

NOON TODAY



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TUESDAY AUGUST 31 1993

Pearce to captain England instead of Platt

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF THE mood set by Graham Taylor is a reliable guide, England will enter the crucial World Cup match against Poland at Wembley tomorrow week with an austere, winner-take-all attitude.

The smile on Taylor's face as he announced his squad in London yesterday was that of an ice-dancer: it was there for the cameras only. After that, the most garrulous manager of our times gave an impersonation of a taciturn, grimly determined leader. And to the outside world the most important insight into his thinking was that Stuart Pearce, the old marauder of the left flank, is back. "He's been brought back as captain," Taylor said starkly. "He has what I call presence. You only appreciate people enough when they are not there."

By that, Taylor meant that England have missed the intimidatory factor, and what he perceives as the leadership of the man, while Pearce has been struggling with the aftermath of serious injury. But,



Pearce: reinstated

though few of us have looked outside the Premiership, and into the first division where Pearce operates, there are two vital questions in the appointment. First, that David Platt, with 13 of England's last 22 goals an inspiration in mind and matter, has been elbowed aside, and second that those players who have opposed Pearce in what effectively is second grade football this month, have doubted that he has recaptured the pace and strength which frightened opponents.

If the latter is true, Roman Kosecki, the Atlético Madrid winger, may turn Taylor's decision into an act of suicide. Kosecki, on his day, is a flyer, not it is true the bravest or most consistent forward around, but should he smell that the reinstated England captain is vulnerable, then heaven help the chances of our qualifying for the World Cup.

That said, the loyalty of Taylor sticking to his 22, the likely reintroduction on the other flank of Rob Jones, of Liverpool, and the combined will that England surely will generate for this "Dunkirk" will, I expect overawe Poland.

Questions will be asked abroad of why Platt, revered for his own intelligent running and example, should lose the honour of captaincy. And England, if we are to trust all in a man like Pearce, may sacrifice honour too.

Indeed, by also selecting Carlton Palmer, a player who will be banned from league play at the time of this international, Taylor tacitly reiterates his message that the niceties are over, that it is all or nothing.

Pretty much nothing was what Taylor was prepared to tell us about Paul Gascoigne. A questioner suggested to him that he might like to impart his views on the fitness or otherwise of "your favourite subject". Taylor blinked and retorted: "It's not my favourite subject, and never has been. If I didn't have to answer any questions about Paul at all, I'd be very, very happy."

He then refused to say another word about the player we all know to be a genius, and we all suspect to be so much on the edge of childish irresponsibility that his game, and his body, can be lost like the snip of a ponytail.

Taylor had more to say regarding the exclusion of Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers forward who, like Pearce, is gingerly treading his way back after a cartilage operation. "Alan needs more games under his belt," observed Taylor.

"We can all get very excited when we see him score a goal as he did on Sunday, but remember we are talking about a lad who has had 45 minutes first-team football in eight months. I have had long talks with Kenny Dalglish over this and we are in complete agreement."

The agreement is that Shearer is on standby, and will enter the fray only if further injuries rule out any of the five forwards in the squad. That these have, between them scored just three goals in 45 internationals, points to the difficulty, the pressure that mounts like a clamp around the temples of a manager driven closer to silence than at any time in his career.

But that career is on the line, as is the future of English international football. Taylor says that his unwillingness to talk is that he has lost confidence in the press to report him accurately, and he says it to a room full of journalists, most of whom have at some time since the debacle in Norway, questioned whether he can lift and guide the players he chooses.

If, by being taciturn and by his verbal withdrawal, Taylor is able to concentrate his and the players' minds on the job, then perhaps for once communication is secondary to his task. To that end the players will enter camp at Lilleshall on Thursday and, apart from one of their six days together, will be kept in isolation.

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ENGLAND SQUAD

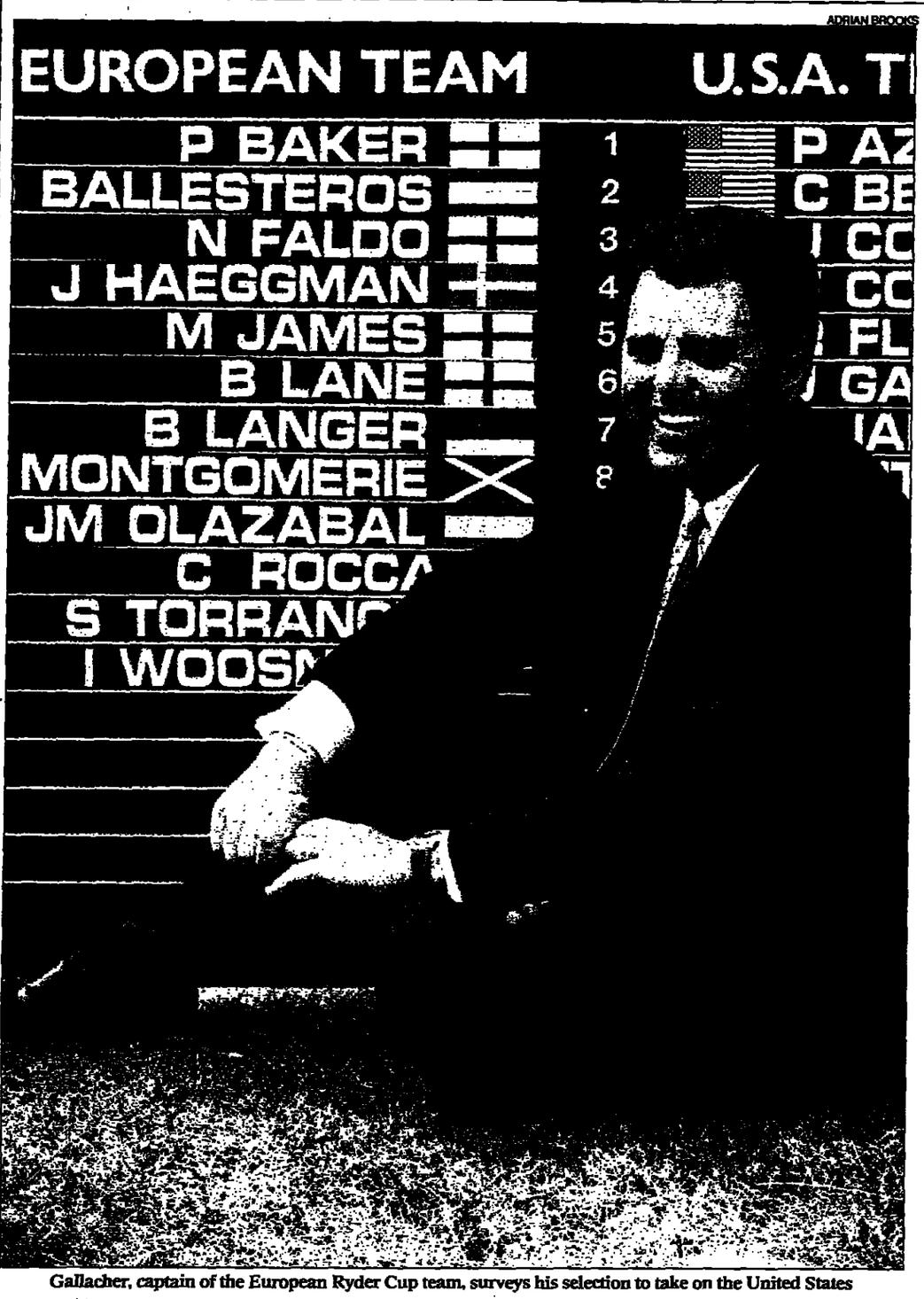
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D Seaman (Arsenal)	29	9
R Jones (Liverpool)	21	1
E Barrett (A Villa)	26	3
D Bardsley (QPR)	28	2
D Walker (Sheff Wed)	27	58
A Adams (Arsenal)	26	26
G Pallister (Man United)	28	9
S Pearce (Nottm Forest)	31	53
A Dorigo (Leeds Utd)	27	14
C Palmer (Sheff Wed)	27	17
D Batty (Leeds Utd)	24	14
D Platt (Sampdoria)	27	42
P Ince (Man United)	25	9
P Gascoigne (Lazio)	26	27
A Sinton (Sheff Wed)	27	10
L Sharpe (Man United)	23	6
I Wright (Arsenal)	29	13
L Ferdinand (QPR)	26	4
E Sheringham (Tottnhm)	27	2
N Clough (Liverpool)	27	14
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PLAYERS ON STANDBY: T Flowers (Southampton), N Winterburn (Arsenal), M Keown (Arsenal), T Steven (Rangers), A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers).

POLAND SQUAD: A Malysek (Fortuna Cologne), J Bako (Lech Poznan), R Szewczyk (Sochaux), P Swierczynski (St Etienne), A Lesiak (Wacker Innsbruck), M Kozminski (Udinese), T Waldoch (Gornik Zabrze), K Wegrzyn (GKS Katowice), P Czachowski (Legia Warsaw), D Adamczuk (Dundee), R Warzycha (Everton), J Zlober (Montpellier), J Brzeczek (Gornik Zabrze), R Kosecki (Atletico Madrid), M Lesniak (Wattenscheid), J Furtok (Eintracht Frankfurt).

The match in Poland on April 29 was a 1-1 draw, Adamczuk and Wright scoring, after 34 minutes and 84 minutes respectively.

Ballesteros and Olazábal handed wild cards for Ryder Cup team



Gallacher, captain of the European Ryder Cup team, surveys his selection to take on the United States

Gallacher picks Haeggman as his final choice

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

BERNARD Gallacher, the captain of the European Ryder Cup team, did as had been widely predicted and chose Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal to play against the United States at The Belfry next month. But he then gave Joakim Haeggman a belated birthday present by making him the third of his selections in the team. Haeggman is the first Swede to play in the Ryder Cup.

It was always going to be a close call between Haeggmann, who was 24 on Saturday, and Ronan Rafferty, 29, who competed in the 1989 Ryder Cup at The Belfry. Gallacher said he did not make up his mind until the conclusion of the German Open on Sunday, where Haeggman finished joint sixth after some typically gutsy golf and Rafferty tied for twentieth with, among others, Ballesteros.

They were, in effect, playing for their positions in the team, though they did not know it, because prior to the event Rafferty was eleventh in the Ryder Cup points table and Haeggman thirteenth. At its conclusion, Haeggman had jumped to tenth while Rafferty's position was unchanged. Gallacher said it had always been his hope that he could pick the tenth man in the table as his third selection.

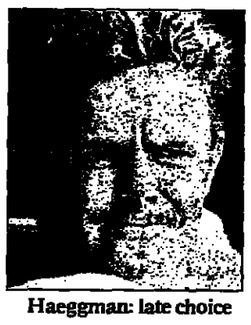
Haeggman's selection is one for the present and the future. He is young, hard working and keen to play. "I have a high regard for his ability and his selection is purely on merit," Gallacher said. "He is a solid player, a straight hitter, a good putter. He will fit in with any other member of the team."

He has played 21 tournaments this season, which says something for his appetite for golf, and had 12 top-ten finishes, including victory in the Spanish Open. The merit of this win outweighs Rafferty's sole victory over a comparatively weak field in the Austrian Open.

To win in Spain, Haeggman had to beat a field that included Nick Faldo, Ballesteros, Olazábal, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam — four of Europe's five major championship winners.

Haeggman's selection will bring considerable pleasure to his fellow Swedes who, if their attendance at the recent Scandinavian Masters is anything to go by, are among the most enthusiastic in Europe.

The size of the crowds at



Haeggman: late choice

that event were, despite heavy rain, as big as any tournament in Europe apart from the Open Championship.

Gallacher paid tribute to the record of Ballesteros and Olazábal in the Ryder Cup when explaining their selection. "They won 3½ points out of four in 1991, 3½ points out of four in 1989 and three out of four in 1987," he said.

"I do not believe there is a partnership in the world that would look forward to stepping on to the tee to face them."

However, the bookmakers make the United States favourites. William Hill yesterday lowered the odds against Europe winning to 5-4 with the Americans 11-8 on.

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Middlesex prove too powerful for inconsistent challengers

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, outlines how outstanding spinners and in-depth batting took the championship to Lord's

MIDDLESEX'S players were spread around London yesterday when news came through that they were once again county champions. Idle since their two-day victory over Essex on Friday, Middlesex secured what was already theirs in all but name when Northamptonshire, their only remaining rivals, were frustrated by Leicestershire.

If it was an unsatisfactorily empty way in which to settle a championship, it was symptomatic of a summer in which the challengers to Middlesex have lacked substance and stamina. Only Glamorgan, who won again yesterday to stay in second place, have played above themselves. Many counties need a long look in the mirror, and must be prepared to dislike what they see.

This, however, is to take nothing away from the new champions, who have exposed the mediocrity of others through their sustained excellence. It is their fifth championship in 14 years and, if the present side is not the equal of one or two of its predecessors, it is still much the best around in a season which has shown county standards in a poor light.

Middlesex have won 11 of 15 games to date and have a home fixture against Lancashire and a visit to Worcester to come. There remains, as Mike Gatting, the captain, will tell his players, the incentive of going through a season unbeaten — a feat achieved four times since the war, albeit in a structure involving more games.

Their success means that four counties have now monopolised the championship pennant for 15 years. In that time, Essex have held it six times and Middlesex five. Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire are the only other winners, so it was apt that this year's campaign should be effectively decided by victory for the new champions over the old. As Gatting said: "Essex have given us a hard time over the past couple of years."

They never looked like doing so this year, as Middlesex inherited their old tormentors' talent for conjuring victories from improbable situations. None was more improbable than the critical win at Cardiff in July, gained after Glamorgan had amassed a record 562 for three in their first innings. Middlesex, having tried and failed to come to a declaration agreement, adopted the tactics best suited to four-day cricket by batting on for a lead and, to Glamorgan's utter mortification, bowling them out cheaply.

Then, as so often this summer, the destructive bowling was done by the spinners. When weighing up the new four-day format, Middlesex's prospects had always seemed to depend heavily on the form of John Emburey and Phil Tufnell. In the event, they so easily outbowled every other spin pairing in the country that it often seemed an embarrassing mismatch.

They were assisted by helpful pitches but by no means rigged ones: they have limited control over what they play on at Lord's and were astonished to find turning surfaces when they played away.

Tufnell was occasionally inspired, occasionally incalcitrant. Emburey was consistently challenging, bowling slower than for some years and obtaining greater turn. Together they were irrepressible, 128 wickets between them so far representing not only a tribute to their talents but a vindication of the theory that the four-day game would promote slow bowling.

Only in the closing weeks did Angus Fraser make his mark. Hitherto, he had been hampered first by self-doubt, then by lack of opportunity, a case of the spinners leaving him next to redundant.

The batting was a curiosity. It is impossible to claim that Haynes or Roseberry or Ramprakash had an outstanding season, nor even Gatting by his usual standards. All achieved enough at certain times, however, and with Keith Brown, John Carr and Emburey at numbers five to seven, runs came from various directions. Only Gatting has passed 1,000 runs but all the top seven average above 40.

For Gatting, this is a third championship in his eleventh year as captain. He remains a formidable figure bestriding county cricket, with players who respect him and, through his leadership, approach the game positively. His commitment is an example to many who regard the county routine as a grind, the title rich consolation for more mixed emotions on the international front.

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TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	15	11	0	4	34	65	295
Glamorgan (14)	15	8	4	3	32	49	209
Worcs (17)	15	7	4	3	27	44	191
Northants (3)	14	7	4	3	28	48	188
Surrey (13)	15	6	6	3	33	58	187
Notts (4)	14	5	3	5	29	48	184
Kent (2)	15	5	4	6	33	47	180
Somerset (9)	14	7	6	1	18	43	159
Leics (8)	14	6	5	4	23	49	152
Yorkshire (16)	14	5	3	6	19	46	145
Derbyshire (5)	15	4	6	5	32	47	143
Sussex (7)	14	4	6	4	30	45	129
Hampshire (15)	14	4	5	5	32	40	136
Warwicks (6)	15	4	8	3	22	49	135
Lancashire (12)	14	4	7	3	33	37	134
Essex (1)	14	3	5	6	39	46	132
Durham (18)	15	2	8	5	26	46	104
Glouce (10)	14	2	8	3	17	47	98

Worcs. 8 points for a tied match
Nottinghamshire: 8 points for a tied match
1992 positions in brackets



Gatting: positive

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Football Association folly brings game into disrepute


Bull: on FA charge

Rob Hughes reports on the bewildering case of Manchester United and Leeds United, which will be judged at Lancaster Gate today

The Football Association is about to make a fool of itself. Again. At Lancaster Gate today, the grey lords of our national game sit in judgment on Manchester United and Leeds United, charged with misconduct for failing to release their outstanding youth players for international duties this summer.

The crime is risible. Alex Ferguson and Howard Wilkinson, the managers, having reared youth teams to contest the FA Youth Cup a few weeks before, did not withhold those talents from the European under-18 championship. Far from it.

Seven representatives of the clubs played and added style and panache to England's triumph under the managership of Ted Powell, the former schoolmaster, who astutely used the talents in the manner to which the boys have become accustomed. It gave England a trophy of high standing and it showed the world that the monotony of the high ball associated with the FA itself is not the only way England perform. Instead, Ferguson and Wilkinson come to Lancaster Gate as defendants, based on the trumped-up FA charge that by withdrawing their youths from a preparatory trip to Scandinavia, they jeopardised the FA planning.

The clubs contend that their duty is to protect the growing limbs, and minds, of youngsters they are attempting to groom for the future. Sadly, the FA seems unaware of its own literature. The *Blueprint for the Future of Football*, issued by the FA two years ago, acknowledges the dangers of overburdening young footballers and, a year ago, Charles Hughes, director of coaching and education, wrote: "There is no doubt that a medical problem does exist amongst young footballers, almost certainly connected with overplay, which, in turn, incidentally has a very strong influence upon levels of technique and skill acquisition."

Perhaps Ferguson and Wilkinson should subpoena the FA director of coaching and education in defence of their right to protect boys against the FA. They might also cite the misfortune of Nicky Barmby, the Tottenham Hotspur player, who, under duress after the FA made a stand for his release from Tottenham, took part in obvious pain and distress in England's team at the world under-20 championship in Australia in March. Barmby, already suffering shin splints, a stress condition, returned home a diminished individual. He has just had surgery on his shins.

If the FA is aware of this, by what right does it pursue leading clubs who try to safeguard boys in their care? Common sense tells us the backlash against the enormous loads put on coveted young players will threaten their careers, and the day will not be far off when a player, a manager, a doctor or a lawyer sues the FA for failing to practise what it preaches.

The busy idleness at Lancaster Gate would be better served routing the incipient agents, the spivs and crooks from the game. It would be better thought of if it were consistent in its authoritarian rule. A year ago, Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, went to court to defend Gary Blissett, of Brentford, against a police charge of assault after his elbow depressed the cheekbone of a Torquay opponent.

Kelly stated that he saw 50 such incidents a match, that malice could not be judged under a process of law. A week ago, his office charged Steve Bull, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, over an incident in which a Wrexham player's cheekbone was broken. Apart from contesting the charge — Wolves claim the referee gave a foul against Pejic and that the injury occurred in the resulting fall — Graham Turner, the Wolves manager, was incensed that the FA publicised the charge before Bull had received it in writing. He heard the news on his radio as he drove to Molineux.

Finally, if the FA keep charging in like bulls to their own star chamber, when will a chairman be the defendant? No charge from Lancaster Gate to Sam Hammam for his graffiti. No charge for Peter Swales, a chairman who gives his manager a three-year contract and the sack in the same month.

Swales? He is chairman of the international committee and, in 1990, said: "I'm glad we didn't win the World Cup. There would have been pressure to keep Bobby Robson and he's not my type of manager."

The game is in disrepute. But from the FA, whose rule we sometimes see as farce, sometimes as folly.

Scotland have to pick from limited resources

By Roddy Forsyth

WHEN Scotland meet Switzerland in their World Cup qualifying tie at Pittodrie a week tomorrow, Andy Roxburgh will equal Jock Stein's record of 61 consecutive games in charge of the national side. With such an accumulation of experience to his credit, Roxburgh spent little time yesterday bemoaning his difficulties when he revealed the Scottish party for the visit of the Swiss.

He is well accustomed, if not exactly inured, to the litany of absentees that invariably accompanies the announcement of a Scotland squad. On this occasion the Rangers trio of Goram, McCall and McCoist are unavailable because of injury, and Duncan Ferguson, their team-mate, was not considered because he has yet to prove his match-fitness following his recent five-month absence from football.

McLeish has returned to regular first-team football with Aberdeen, but Roxburgh does not jeopardise the defender's return from injury and, in any case, has pencilled the veteran's name into his diary for the game against Italy in Rome next month.

Wright, of Aberdeen, is in a similar position, although he at least gets a place in the under-21 squad, and McLaren is convalescing from surgery on his knee. Hendry called from Blackburn to declare himself unfit yesterday and Dailly, of Dundee United, who was included in the squads for the Scots' two fixtures with Estonia, has returned to the under-21 squad.

In other words, it is business as usual for Roxburgh as he sets about the daunting task of naming a squad to meet a Swiss side that has been unexpectedly successful in moving to the top of the group table. It is still possible for Scotland to qualify, but they would have to beat not only Switzerland but also Italy and Malta away, an unlikely scenario.

"We've got two tasks ahead of us and the first is the short-term target of trying to win this match," Roxburgh said. "The second is to try to build our team up for next summer and the start of the European championship."

If the second of these ambitions is taken to be the more likely, then the door has opened for two players from one of Scotland's less fashionable clubs, because O'Donnell and McCart, of Motherwell, are included in the pool of 21 players. O'Donnell has been a fringe candidate for some time, but McCart's recent performances in central defence, which have played a substantial part in helping Motherwell to their unaccustomed position as leaders of the premier division, are responsible for his inclusion.

McCart's chances of playing are helped by the absence of McPherson, of Rangers, whose appearances this season have been interrupted by injuries, and his club-mate, Gough, who has twice made scathing public criticisms of Roxburgh in the past three months. Gough's ghost-written autobiography is due to appear on September 16 and one chapter will contain an account of his stormy relationship with Roxburgh.

SQUAD

B Gunn (Norwich), A Maxwell (Rangers), A Main (Dundee Utd); T Boyd (Celtic), B Irvine (Aberdeen), C Levein (Heart of Midlothian), C McCart (Motherwell), S McKimmie (Aberdeen), G Smith (Aberdeen), D Bowman (Dundee Utd), J Collins (Celtic), I Durrant (Rangers), I Ferguson (Rangers), G McAllister (Leeds), P McStay (Celtic), P O'Donnell (Motherwell), S Booth (Aberdeen), E Jess (Aberdeen), P Nevin (Tranmere), K Gallacher (Blackburn), G Durie (Tottenham).

Quinn feels unsettled by shake-up at City

By Peter Ball

THE disruption at Manchester City may not be over yet. Brian Horton, the new manager, met the players for the first time yesterday and was left in no doubt about the disillusionment felt by some over the dismissal of Peter Reid.

In particular, Horton may face a struggle to keep Niall Quinn, City's Ireland international forward, who has emerged as the players' spokesman in the last week. Quinn had made no secret of his unhappiness at events at the club since the appointment of the new general manager, John Maddock, and the subsequent dismissal of Reid.

The loss of Quinn would be a big blow to City, for he has been a key figure in their attack. Yesterday he had a talk with Horton, and went away to think about his future.

"I expressed my fears about the way things are going," Quinn said. "I am not happy with events that have been happening at the club. To be 100 per cent honest, every other club in the country is looking at our situation and laughing at us."

A bright, articulate man with more social awareness than many footballers, Quinn, like several players, was dismayed by the decision to dismiss Reid so early in the season. He expressed the players' anger when Maddock appeared to criticise a lack of spirit after the home defeat by Blackburn Rovers, Reid's last game in charge. He may now decide that he will be better off at a new club.

"I feel I am at the crossroads at the moment and I don't want to go down the wrong road," Quinn said. "I don't want to play for the next two to three years and have the same thing as happened over the last two years, and find myself becoming less and less of a player.

"I was a better player 18 months ago than I am now. I should be getting better and better, but I'm not. I don't think it's 100 per cent my fault. The circumstances at the club have contributed. I don't want that to happen over the next two years or I'll fizzle away as a footballer.

"City has been tremendous for me, bringing me from reserve-team football to the Premier League and I've got my place back in the international team, but will I maintain the impetus I've had by staying at the club? There's been a little levelling off lately.

"Peter Swales agreed with me a long time ago that the day I want to leave will be the day they want to sell me. I'm wondering whether this is that moment."

Horton is determined to try to keep the team he has inherited, and he told all the players yesterday morning that nobody will be leaving in the near future.

"I just asked them to give me a couple of months, and then if any wants to leave we'll have another look at it," Horton said yesterday. "There is no way anybody is going to move this week and nobody has come in and said they want to move."

That happy state of affairs may not last long. Although Quinn is only one year into a five-year contract, he defended any potential criticism on that score by comparing Reid's experience, the manager being given a new contract two months ago.

"I showed my loyalty to the club by signing a new contract," Quinn said, "and so did Peter Reid. He got turfed out, and I worry that the same thing could happen to me in two years' time when I might be worth a lot less as a footballer."

There is little doubt that if City do decide to release Quinn, they will have no shortage of offers, with Howard Kendall, of Everton, who signed Quinn for City, heading the queue. "I want to stay in the game at the top level and win as many medals as possible," Quinn said. "I thought that would be with City, but there's a little doubt in my mind now."

Reid, who is still registered as a City player, trained with the third division team, Bury, yesterday morning.

NORWICH City have lodged a complaint against Vitesse Arnhem, their Uefa Cup opponents, concerning the Dutch club's plans to play the second leg of their tie on September 30, a day later than scheduled, to accommodate a deal with Dutch television.

Norwich have already made travel arrangements for thousands of fans and Andy Neville, the club's secretary, said: "The problems will be limitless."

GUILIO BROGLIO


Thomas Doll, the German international playing for Lazio, evades the Foggia goalkeeper during the scoreless draw in Rome yesterday

Gullit and Platt score instant success



Rob Hughes
Overseas football

EUROPEAN football can never be said to be rounded until the Italian league, the lira mecca, is at play. It is now, and on day one we get an intriguing intermingling of nationalities that may have a profound bearing on England's World Cup hopes.

For Sampdoria of Genoa, in winning their opening match of Serie A down in Napoli, fielded the new combination of an Englishman and a Dutchman as their goalscorers. Both David Platt and Ruud Gullit are, or were until the eve of the match, captains of their nation.

Platt had been told days before the game that he was relieved of that honour. Gullit is in another of his retirements, but on the form he displayed on Sunday will very soon be pressed back into action, probably in time for England's crucial visit to Rotterdam in October.

How fascinating to find these two men, each an admirer of the skills and attitudes of the other, forging such a ready combination. Gullit, rejuvenated, still a month from his 31st birthday, and apparently physically still near his prime, was ubiquitous in the triumph over Naples. From his wanderings, now alongside the centre forward Roberto Mancini, now on the right wing, Platt inevitably pushed forward from midfield with his opportunism as a space-finder.

It took half-an-hour for their duality to reach fruition. Then Gullit, with such masterful balance for a man of 6ft 4ins, bemused his defender and chipped the ball to Platt, who scored with a typical, swift downward header.

The embrace that they shared occurred again just before half-time when Gullit, this time finding the space for himself, scored with a right foot shot. But more than their new allegiance to the Genoese club, more than the fact that Platt has now scored on his debut for each of the three Italian clubs he has represented (Bari, Juventus and now Sampdoria), there is the slightly disconcerting implication for their countries.

Whether they play as captains in Rotterdam, or whether they play there at all, is beside the point. The fact is that as common language speakers, and as foreigners bedding down together in a new city, they will know more about the moods, the social habits and the football intelligence of one another than probably any two new comrades in Italy.

Their managers would be negligent if they did not seek, once the players are on national duty, to extract and exploit that knowledge.

But it is a strange land, Italy. We know that the more fabulous a performer proves to be, the greater the certainty that he will migrate towards one of their clubs. Up to this year we have seen the distressing waste of athletic prime led by AC Milan whose paymaster Silvio Berlusconi decided to have not merely the permitted three overseas players, but six. This meant the crushing of egos, the idleness of players like Gullit who eventually either settled for playing one week and watching from the stands the next, or leaving for "an inferior club".

Now, with Berlusconi's vast financial empire some $2 million in debt, even that club has announced the bonuses for this season will be cut back by forty per cent. The players, should they retain the Italian title for a third consecutive season, will receive a mere 300 million lira ($188,000) per man as a bonus.

The pressures of trying to compete with Berlusconi's inflationary spirral have claimed victims not only in Italy but at great, and now destitute, clubs abroad, such as Benfica. The mania in Italy has caused that volatile club Napoli also to offload star players to prevent the stadium being taken into receivership; hence, the "new" Maradona, Robert Zola has been tempted from Napoli to Parma, for $15 million by the rising new power of Italian football, backed by Parmalat. The word is to smile and say cheese.

But with such sums comes insanity. If Peter Reid feels hard done by because of his sacking by Manchester City, imagine the feelings of Gigi Radice, fired after just one match of the new season by Cagliari. His misdemeanour? Cagliari were thrashed 5-2 by Atalanta.

At least, for the moment, scandal is suppressed in Italy. It moves to France where we have begun a new season with officials deplorably dragging their feet and allowing the stench of allegations that Marseille had bribed their way to League victories, and more insinuations that their capture of the European champions cup was also disfigured. Until France puts that house in order, the European authorities seem powerless to object to restarting the competition with such a tainted holder. And compounding that there is escalating hooliganism in France, the host nation to the 1998 World Cup. The interior minister reacted to the injuries to 10 policemen by Paris St Germain fans on Saturday by appointing a soccer security officer.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday September 4 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Derby
W Bolton v C Palace
2 Bristol C v Southend
2 Millwall v Barnsley
1 Notts F v Oxford
1 Peterborough v Grimsby
X Portsmouth v Stoke
1 Sunderland v Luton
1 Tranmere v Notts Co

Not on coupons: Watford v Charlton Athletic; West Bromwich Albion v Wolverhampton Wanderers (on Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
2 Bourn'm'th v Burnley
X Brighton v Hudd'field
1 Exeter v Hartlepool
2 Fulham v Bradford C
1 Hull v Bristol R
X Leyton O v York
2 Port Vale v Cardiff
1 Reading v Cambridge
2 Rotherham v Brentford
1 Stockport v Wrexham
1 Swansea v Plymouth

Not on coupons: Blackpool v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION
1 Chest'field v Darlington
1 Crewe v Mansfield
1 Doncaster v Wigan
2 Lincoln v Preston
X Rochdale v Chester
2 Scarborough v Carlisle
1 Scunthorpe v Hereford
X Shrewsbury v Bury
X Torquay v Colchester
1 Wycombe v Gillingham

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X Merthyr v Southport
1 Runcorn v Nantwich
1 Stafford v Woking
1 Telford v Kettering
1 Welling v Altrincham
X Wigan v Bromsgrove

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Aylesbury v Bromley
2 Basingstoke v Stevenage
1 Carshalton v Hayes
1 Dorking v Wokingham
X Dulwich v Marlow

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1 Clyde v Dunf'mline
2 Dumbarton v Hamilton
1 Falkirk v Clydebank
1 St Mirren v Ayr

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Berwick v Albion
1 East Fife v Q of Sth
X E Stirling v Montrose
X Forfar v Meadowb'k
X Queen's Pk v Cowd'nb'th
1 Stenh'muir v Alloa
1 Stranraer v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams). Portsmouth, Brighton, Leyton Orient, Rochdale, Shrewsbury, Torquay, Merthyr, Witton, Dulwich, East Stirling, Forfar, Queen's Park.
BEST DRAWS: Leyton Orient, Shrewsbury, Witton, Dulwich, East Stirling.
AWAYS: Southend, Bradford, Cardiff, Preston, Slough.
HOMES: Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Hull, Scunthorpe, Bath, Dover, Runcorn, Aylesbury, Carshalton, Dorking, Airdrie, Stranraer
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Hull, Bath, Aylesbury, Carshalton, Airdrie. Aways: Southend, Bradford, Preston. Draws: Leyton Orient, Shrewsbury, Witton.

☐ Vince Wright

Leslie ends two-year wait

By Stephen Slater

AFTER two years of trying, David Leslie gave the Ecurie Ecosse team its first touring car victory at Thruxton yesterday while BMW clinched its third successive manufacturers' title, after a spectacular race in front of a record bank holiday crowd of around 30,000.

The crowd, thought to be the largest spectator turn-out in the Hampshire circuit's 25-year history, is a clear indicator of the success of the British Touring Car championship.

Leslie made the better start, but Paul Radisich, of New Zealand, used the superior power of the Mondeo to drive around the outside of the Ecurie Ecosse car and take the lead. Two corners later Leslie dived through a gap at the edge of the track to regain his place at the head of the field, and a surprised Radisich dropped back to third behind his Ford team leader, Andy Rouse.

Leslie extended his lead as the two Fords appeared to be battling among themselves rather than closing on the Cavalier. Although Radisich overtook his team-mate on the tenth lap and demonstrated his on-the-limit driving with a spectacular 150 mph slide on the approach to the chicane, by then Leslie had gained a sufficiently large margin to cruise to victory.

Behind the Vauxhall and Ford battle, the Peugeots of Robb Gravett and Eugene O'Brien celebrated the Coventry team's return to form by demoting the BMW of Steve Soper to sixth place.

It had proved to be a difficult weekend for the German Schnitzer team as it struggled to come to terms with a new and demanding circuit and the championship leader, Joachim Winkelhock, failed to score any points as he finished fourteenth. However, the Schnitzer team's perseverance paid off as six points scored by Soper gained them the team championship title and the manufacturers' title for BMW.

RESULT: 1, D Leslie (Vauxhall Cavalier), 27min 23.57sec (103.20mph); 2, P Radisich (Ford Mondeo), 27:24.21; 3, A Rouse (Ford Mondeo), 27.24.89; 4, R Gravett (Peugeot 405), 27.25.62; 5, E O'Brien (Peugeot 405), 27.25.86; 6, S Soper (BMW 318), 27.28.07.

Indio enhance standing

By John Watson

INDIO, who could well be one of the most formidable teams fielded at this level of polo, beat Marine Energy (received ½) by 12-4½ when Cowdray Park's intermediate four-chukka challenge for the Autumn League tournament began at the club's River Ground at Midhurst yesterday.

Indio pivoted on the all-England player Alan Kent and Julian Daniels, their No 1, is clearly worth far more than his modest two handicap. The No 2 is Adrian Wade, a dashing four-goaler, whose twin brother, Jonathan, was deployed in a similar capacity by Marine Energy, put together by Neill McLean, a Scot based in the Persian Gulf.

Marine Energy were given the first taste of Indio's collective superiority in the opening thirty seconds when Kent, superbly mounted as usual, put them on the defensive from a penalty shot following a foul hook.

Daniels opened Indio's account with two goals in quick succession and Marine Energy were also in the habit of crossing the opposition line not far from their own goalmouth, which cost them dear.

A minute from half-time Indio were leading 7-1½, having shown why they have attracted such a formidable reputation, only for Jonathan Wade to reduce the deficit with two beautifully lofted 60-yard conversions. But the third chukka went Indio's way again and, with their forwards showing classic interplay it ended 10-3½.

Marine Energy did have the consolation of scoring the final goal through McLean.

Tomorrow, Greenhill Farm and Mill Farm, the other two contestants in this tournament, will face one another at Cowdray Park. Greenhill rely largely on the strength of Martin Glue and Robert Graham, while Mill Farm have Charles Seavill and Christopher Bethell as their power base. Following yesterday's performance, however, Indio must be strong favourites.

TEAMS: Indio: 1, J Daniels (2), 2, A Wade (4); 3, A Kent (7); back, Hon L White (0). Marine Energy: 1, N McLean (1); 2, J Wade (4). 3, O Ellis (5); back, G Beaman (2).

Smith snuffs out last flicker of hope for Lamb

BY JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (8pts) drew with Leicestershire (6)

MIDDLESEX, sitting back and enjoying the Bank Holiday sunshine, became undisputed county champions yesterday. In denying their nearest challengers, the Leicestershire fox not only outran his pursuers from Northamptonshire, he also had time to turn round and cock a snook before making off into the undergrowth.

At the start, still 24 runs adrift with three second-innings wickets already down, Leicestershire's chances of avoiding defeat were slender. That was reckoning, though, without the tenacity of one of Northamptonshire's own. Ben Smith, born in Corby, presented the straightest of straight bats in a stay of four hours and 20 minutes. Everyone else who came to the crease sold himself dearly. Leicestershire are in the habit of doing their bordering rivals few favours and yesterday they gave them nothing.

Fourteen overs still remained when Leicestershire's token declaration came. They were then 184 runs in the lead and two wickets still remained. A frustrating day for Allan Lamb and his men, not to mention an anti-climactic end to their season at Northampton, had been completed.

Afterwards, Lamb was generous in praise of the 1993 champions. "The four-day programme gives the best chance of winning to the best all-round team — and Middlesex were certainly that," he said. "Two good spinners are an absolute must if you are to take the championship and in Emburey and Tufnell, Middlesex have two of world class. Middlesex are worthy champions."

Northamptonshire's spinners were their own best chance of salvation. The pitch at Northampton has usually favoured their seam attack, but this one remained bland to the end, only normal wear and tear on the fourth day giving purchase for Roberts and Bailey. These two might have won the game if Smith had not been missed three times on his way to 84.

Lamb even delayed taking the second new ball for 23 overs, so hopeful was he that Roberts and Bailey would do the trick. But the longer he persisted with the old ball, the softer it became and he may well in retrospect regret his choice of options; for the advantage of a harder, bouncier ball for the spinners could have been considerable.

As it was, the old one did well enough in the morning. Hepworth lost his leg stump to a yorker from Taylor; Robinson, having played well for his half-century, injudiciously lofted Bailey to mid-on to make Leicestershire 174 for five.

Although Smith and Nixon had taken them to 205 without further loss by lunch, it seemed only a matter of time before Northamptonshire came into their own. Yet the only wicket to fall during the long hot afternoon was that of Nixon, run out attempting a third run to Bowen.

As Smith and Parsons stood firm, it had already become odds on a draw by tea. As the teams trooped off, Northamptonshire doubtless to receive an impassioned pep talk from Lamb, Leicestershire were 122 runs ahead and only two hours remained. The second new ball had been parried, if not completely seen off and Smith and Parsons had added 62 precious runs.

Parsons did edge a catch behind shortly after the interval but, as Smith punished the bad ball with gusto, the time-and-runs equation continued to flow strongly against Northamptonshire. They are not used to winning championships in this part of the world. The quiet, almost polite acceptance of the course of this game by the crowd said as much.

Life looking rosy for Glamorgan

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

GLAMORGAN, leaders of the Axa Equity & Law League, the winners of which will receive £30,000, are now clear favourites for second-place money of £23,750 in the Britannic Assurance championship.

Their win over Gloucestershire by 82 runs at Abergavenny yesterday, combined with Surrey's defeat by Somerset and Northamptonshire's failure to beat Leicestershire, has given them a healthy cushion.

Glamorgan's eighth championship victory of the season — their best performance since 1970 — was far from assured at the start of the day with Gloucestershire at 208 for three in pursuit of 431. But after Dean Hodgson had gone for 126, five wickets fell for one run in 52 balls, Robert Croft having a spell of three for nought in 12 deliveries.

Although Courtney Walsh then lashed 57 from 52 balls and Mark Davies, the nightwatchman, refused to be dislodged, Steve Watkin ended the innings at 349 by claiming the wicket of Kevin Cooper as his 86th of a season of superb consistency.

The main challenge to Glamorgan may well come from fast-rising Worcestershire, who registered three successive victories for the first time since they won the title in 1989 by beating Warwickshire by ten wickets at Edgbaston. Richard Illingworth and Phil Newport each took four wickets as Warwickshire were bowled out for 201 in what was their final outing before the NatWest Trophy final on Saturday.

Kent's left-arm spinner, Min Patel, 23, returned career-best figures of seven for 75 as the crisis in Lancashire's affairs deepened with their defeat by 159 runs at Lytham, their sixth reverse in seven games. Little has gone right for their captain, Neil Fairbrother, and their manager, David Hughes, since defeat by Derbyshire in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Carl Hooper was 166 not out when Kent declared, setting a target of 363. Gehan Mendis hung on stubbornly for 94, his best of the season, but Patel met with little resistance from the other batsmen.

Derbyshire, set 339 to beat Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, lost three wickets to David Pennett by the time the score had reached 21, which left Adrian Rollins and Kim Barnett little option but to play out time.

Yorkshire set Durham 297 at Headingley and dismissed their first three batsmen for 31, only to be foiled by Phil Bainbridge with an unbeaten 103 in a match in which he also took nine wickets.

End of glorious innings in sight

Should David Gower be neglected by his country again this winter, retirement is his most likely option. Alan Lee reports



A thoughtful Gower at Portsmouth yesterday. Photograph: Tony White

A year ago, the omission of David Gower from England's winter tour team provoked a national outcry. The same decision this year will be different. The public will be sympathetic but largely silent — and Gower will probably retire.

English cricket has too few treasures to part with them lightly and, already this summer, Ian Botham has slipped away as close to anonymously as he has managed. It would be a pity for Gower, whose profile has been as high and his appeal broader, to follow his old friend quietly but, yesterday, it was looking ever more likely.

It was a typical Gower day. He turned up at Portsmouth, languidly and a little late, practised fleetingly and smiled generously. He took the batting seriously enough, in his inimitable way, but after offering half-a-dozen sumptuous strokes in a rapid 37, he was out to such a thin edge that he might have survived had he not walked.

There were some uncharitable mutterings about his "irresponsible shot" but the overwhelming feeling of Hampshire and Sussex followers alike was of sorrow that he had gone. Few cricketers elicit this but, as ever when Gower is out, the day's possible delights had diminished. At least there were five wickets for Ian Salisbury's leg spin in Sussex's 57-run victory.

Three weeks today Gower may have gone for good. Unless he is named in England's party for the Caribbean, Gower can see little point in prolonging his career. "I'm not the type whose decisions are made for him in a blinding flash and I won't necessarily know the time is right if I don't get the call," he said. "But I have come to terms with the fact that this tour is my last chance of getting back. If I am not picked, I will know my Test days are over. It will then be a question of weighing up the alternatives."

The September dilemma is not new to Gower but this time, he admits, it is for real, and not only because he is 36 and about to become a father. "I have the options now to stop playing. I know I would miss cricket if I had to cut myself off but it wouldn't be like that. With the broadcasting and writing work, I don't have to contemplate leaving all this and going to work on a production line."

"There are days when it is very tempting. But Hampshire have been very good to me. I don't want to let them down and neither do I want to sell myself short. It is a cliché to say I will be a long time retired, but it also happens to be true."

Gower has not been in poor form. With 960 first-class runs, he is averaging 42 this season. Two centuries have come in the last three weeks, perhaps since he gave himself a talking-to. "I had a conscious thought that if I was serious about going to the West Indies I ought to be getting runs against county bowlers," he recalls. He has done so, but he suspects it will not be enough.

"When this season began I believed a few good scores would earn me a chance against the Australians. I made 150 at Trent Bridge while England were losing the First Test but the rib injury which cost me three weeks came at the worst possible time. I suppose, without that, I might have played in the Lord's Test. As it was, the moment passed, the mood turned to younger players.

"I have had no word from anyone in the England set-up since Keith Fletcher came to see me in early June. I don't really know how I stand. But the talk of taking someone to the West Indies just because he is an old hand disturbs me. I am not in a position to dictate terms but, if I am to be picked, I would hope it was on merit as a Test batsman, not just as a token senior."

He remains overwhelmed by public support. "It amazes me sometimes. I can come off after slogging a catch in the second over and still people come up and say how much they wish I was back playing for England. I wonder what I have to do to upset them."

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The answer, perhaps, is to outstay his welcome. Gower still has a good, relaxed relationship with Hampshire. He has a year of his contract to run but the club is aware he may not see it through. What he must not do, however, is play on for the wrong reasons.

Already, he is being left out of Hampshire's Sunday team. This does not worry him, for he confesses to finding these games "a crushing struggle". But he can also transmit that unhealthily to others so that, in time, respect in the dressing-room, and in the deckchairs, is sacrificed. For one of Gower's popularity, that would be sad.

If England have finally shut the door on Gower, he has a tough decision to make. The right one would be to go while he retains his dignity and his followers retain their memories.

Rhodes steers S Africa to safety

A CENTURY from Jonty Rhodes, his first in Test cricket, enabled South Africa to escape with a draw in the first match of their series with Sri Lanka at Moratuwa yesterday.

Having been left to score 365, South Africa finished at 251 for seven, with Rhodes unbeaten on 101, having batted for 262 minutes. Rhodes, who had failed in the first innings, received valuable assistance from the two slow bowlers, Pat Symcox and Clive Eksteen, both making their debuts, after the leading batsmen had fallen to the Sri Lankan spinners.

It was Rhodes's eighth-wicket stand with Eksteen, worth 52, which finally dashed Sri Lankan hopes of victory. Eksteen was in for 91 minutes and had to face 89 balls from which he scored four not out. Symcox, who saw 61 added for the seventh wicket, made 21 before he holed out attempting a big hit off Aravinda de Silva.

South Africa, who had started the last day at 25 for two, lost their captain, Kepler Wessels, in the ninth over. As in the first innings, he was tempted into the sweep by the off spinner, Muralitharan, and was caught at long leg by Wickramasinghe.

Despite a fighting partnerships of 45 between Jimmy Cook and Daryll Cullinan for the fourth wicket, which ended when Cullinan was leg-before after missing an attempted drive, the odds were on Sri Lanka when Cook was fifth out, caught at forward short leg off Wijetunge, the left-arm spinner.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

ABERGAVENNY *(final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) beat Gloucestershire (4) by 82 runs*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 292 (I V A Richards 95, M P Maynard 93)

Second Innings 297 (M P Maynard 85, P A Cottey 83, D L Hemp 52)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 158 (B C Broad 72)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Metson b Watkin	33
G D Hodgson b Dale	126
R I Dawson c Hemp b Croft	46
S G Hinks c Metson b Watkin	19
M Davies not out	41
M W Alleyne b Dale	0
T H C Hancock c sub b Croft	1
†R C Russell c Cottey b Croft	0
M C J Ball c sub b Croft	0
*C A Walsh c Metson b Watkin	57
K E Cooper b Watkin	19
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	7
Total	349

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-171, 3-208, 4-241, 5-241, 6-242, 7-242, 8-242, 9-325.

BOWLING: Watkin 35.3-10-108-4; Barwick 30-11-58-0; Dale 22-6-68-2; Croft 51-22-115-4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley.

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL *(final day of four): Somerset (22pts) beat Surrey (4) by 281 runs*

SOMERSET: First Innings 275 for 9 dec (I Fletcher 63)

Second Innings 344 for 7 dec (R J Harden 132, R J Turner 70)

SURREY: First Innings 199 (A P van Troost 5 for 47)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c and b van Troost	2
R I Alikhan lbw b Mallender	9
A W Smith c sub b van Troost	15
A D Brown b Mallender	21
A J Hollioake c Lathwell b Mushtaq	3
M A Butcher c Harden b Mushtaq	37
†G J Kersey c Lathwell b Rose	5
N M Kendrick c Harden b van Troost	0
Waqar Younis st Turner b Mushtaq	15
J E Benjamin not out	0
*A J Stewart absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 18, w 1, nb 12)	31
Total	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-36, 3-64, 4-64, 5-93, 6-124, 7-124, 8-133, 9-139.

BOWLING: Van Troost 14-6-40-3; Mallender 12-4-27-2; Rose 10-6-18-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10.2-1-36-3

Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear

Lancashire v Kent

LYTHAM *(final day of four): Kent (21pts) beat Lancashire (6) by 159 runs*

KENT: First Innings 263 (M A Ealham 85, S A Marsh 63; Wasim Akram 5 for 69)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Speak b Yates	40
T R Ward lbw b Watkinson	1
N J Llong b Wasim	40
C L Hooper not out	166
N R Taylor lbw b Wasim	4
G R Cowdrey lbw b Wasim	8
*†S A Marsh run out	39
M A Ealham c and b Yates	79
D W Headley b Watkinson	24
M M Patel not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 18)	23
Total (8 wkts dec)	427

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-71, 3-99, 4-111, 5-123, 6-210, 7-366, 8-415

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 21-5-55-3; DeFreitas 18-2-57-0; Watkinson 30-4-127-2; Yates 37-5-108-2; Barnett 19-4-75-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 326 (J P Crawley 78, N H Fairbrother 75; M M Patel 5 for 107)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Headley b Patel	94
J P Crawley c Hooper b Headley	6
N J Speak lbw b Iggleden	2
*†N H Fairbrother c Fulton b Patel	22
R C Irani c Headley b Hooper	0
M Watkinson c Cowdrey b Patel	14
P A J DeFreitas c Ward b Patel	5
Wasim Akram st Marsh b Patel	10
†W K Hegg b Patel	8
G Yates not out	10
A A Barnett c Headley b Patel	31
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-23, 3-71, 4-74, 5-114, 6-126, 7-136, 8-150, 9-189.

BOWLING: Iggleden 7-0-27-1, Headley 6-0-22-1; Hooper 30-6-74-1; Patel 30-9-75-7; Llong 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and P Willey.

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of four): Northamptonshire (8pts) drew with Leicestershire (6)*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 467 (A J Lamb 162, N A Felton 105, R J Bailey 59)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 307 (T J Boon 110, V J Wells 50)

Second Innings

T J Boon b Roberts	37
P N Hepworth b Taylor	42
*J J Whitaker b Roberts	21
V J Wells c Lamb b Bowen	1
P E Robinson c Taylor b Bailey	54
B F Smith lbw b Roberts	84
†P A Nixon run out	17
G J Parsons c Ripley b Curran	31
A R K Pierson not out	19
D J Millns not out	4
Extras (b 13, lb 14, w 1, nb 6)	34
Total (8 wkts dec)	344

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-97, 3-98, 4-143, 5-179, 6-220, 7-285, 8-327.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-1-22-0; Taylor 7-2-12-0, Curran 7-3-12-0; Bowen 11-4-31-1; Roberts 18-8-32-2; Bailey 9-3-15-0.

Umpires: P B Wight and G I Burgess.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON *(final day of four): Worcestershire (21pts) beat Warwickshire (3) by ten wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 206 (D P Ostler 56)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Rhodes b Illingworth	38
J D Ratcliffe c Leatherdale b Tolley	1
D P Ostler c Rhodes b Illingworth	50
Asif Din c Hick b Newport	63
†K J Piper b Illingworth	9
R G Twose c Leatherdale b Illingworth	8
*D A Reeve c Rhodes b Newport	6
N M K Smith c Rhodes b Newport	3
P A Booth b Newport	3
G C Small st Rhodes b Hick	1
M A V Bell not out	11
Extras (b 2, lb 6)	8
Total	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-85, 3-99, 4-117, 5-135, 6-146, 7-150, 8-156, 9-173.

BOWLING: Radford 7-0-28-0, Tolley 11-5-18-1; Hick 23-17-41-1; Newport 16.1-7-38-4; Illingworth 35-19-55-4; D'Oliveira 6-1-13-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 397 (S J Rhodes 101, P J Newport 78; N M K Smith 5 for 103)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis not out	6
M J Weston not out	5
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	11

BOWLING: Bell 2-0-6-0; Ostler 3-1-3-0; Ratcliffe 1.3-0-2-0.

Umpires: G Sharp and J W Holder.

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four): Nottinghamshire (6pts) drew with Derbyshire (5)*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 500 for 8 dec (P R Pollard 180, W A Dessaur 104, R T Robinson 78)

Second Innings

P R Pollard c Griffith b Sladdin	91
W A Dessaur st Krikken b Vandrau	82
P Johnson c Morris b Sladdin	19
*R T Robinson not out	18
M A Crawley b Sladdin	9
C C Lewis not out	16
Extras (b 3, lb 3)	6
Total (4 wkts dec)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-150, 2-185, 3-202, 4-222.

BOWLING: Cork 10-2-24-0, Base 8-2-24-0; Vandrau 35-2-104-1; Sladdin 24-4-83-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 403 for 6 dec (C J Adams 175, P D Bowler 153 not out)

Second Innings

P D Bowler b Pennett	6
J E Morris b Pennett	12
C J Adams c Pollard b Pennett	1
A S Rollins not out	45
*K J Barnett not out	55
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 4)	9
Total (3 wkts)	129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-18, 3-21.

BOWLING: Lewis 11-1-43-0; Pennett 13-3-29-3; Bates 14-7-28-0; Mike 4-2-2-0; Hindson 14-6-23-0; Dessaur 4-2-3-0

Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH *(final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Hampshire (5) by 57 runs*

SUSSEX: First Innings 439 (D M Smith 150, M P Speight 121)

Second Innings

C W J Athey lbw b James	74
N J Lenham lbw b James	28
†P Moores b Udal	7
*A P Wells c Cox b Flint	57
M P Speight c Smith b Flint	13
F D Stephenson c Aymes b Flint	6
I D K Salisbury not out	63
D M Smith c Flint b James	23
A C S Pigott not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 16)	26
Total (7 wkts dec)	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-87, 3-151, 4-166, 5-176, 6-213, 7-272.

BOWLING: Shine 15-3-74-0; James 24-6-67-3; Udal 30-4-96-1; Flint 23-0-73-3.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 348 (D I Gower 113, A N Aymes 107 not out)

Second Innings

V P Terry lbw b Salisbury	20
R A Smith c sub b Salisbury	98
K D James lbw b Stephenson	45
D I Gower c Moores b Giddins	37
*M C J Nicholas b Giddins	0
R M F Cox b Stephenson	3
†A N Aymes c Athey b Stephenson	2
S D Udal not out	79
M D Marshall c Wells b Salisbury	35
K J Shine c Athey b Salisbury	0
D P J Flint c Athey b Salisbury	10
Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 3, nb 4)	22
Total	351

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-137, 3-188, 4-198, 5-201, 6-213, 7-227, 8-298, 9-308.

BOWLING: Stephenson 19-5-59-3; Giddins 18-5-73-2; Pigott 18-3-86-0; Salisbury 24.1-4-95-5; Athey 6-2-23-0.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY *(final day of four): Yorkshire (7pts) drew with Durham (5)*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 400 (C White 146, M D Moxon 77, P Bainbridge 5 for 53)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Graveney b Hughes	0
S A Kellett c Hutton b Bainbridge	85
D Byas lbw b Brown	17
C White c Hutton b Bainbridge	41
†R J Blakey c Larkins b Bainbridge	0
A P Grayson b Smith	11
R D Stemp b Bainbridge	1
P J Hartley c Smith b Wood	29
D Gough not out	13
J D Batty not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 2)	15
Total (8 wkts dec)	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-39, 3-144, 4-146, 5-163, 6-164, 7-197, 8-203

BOWLING: Wood 18-3-41-1; Hughes 16-2-48-1; Brown 12-2-31-1; Bainbridge 26-9-65-4; Graveney 9-3-20-0; Smith 8-4-10-1.

DURHAM: First Innings 332 (G Fowler 138, S Hutton 73, D Gough 5 for 79)

Second Innings

G Fowler c Byas b Hartley	4
W Larkins c Stemp b Gough	4
P W G Parker lbw b Hartley	15
S Hutton b Hartley	48
P Bainbridge not out	103
I Smith b Robinson	23
†C W Scott lbw b Robinson	0
J Wood b White	4
*D A Graveney not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 1, nb 4)	24
Total (7 wkts)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-8, 3-31, 4-126, 5-184, 6-184, 7-203.

BOWLING: Hartley 19-7-35-3; Gough 22.4-4-68-1; White 8-2-17-1; Robinson 15-1-36-2; Stemp 12-3-48-0; Batty 2-0-8-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and J C Balderstone

Test match

Sri Lanka v South Africa

MORATUWA *(final day of five): Match drawn*

SRI LANKA: First Innings 331 (H P Tillekeratne 82, R S Mahanama 53; A A Donald 5 for 69)

Second Innings 300 for 6 dec (A Ranatunga 131, P A de Silva 68)

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 267 (A C Hudson 90; M Muralitharan 5 for 104)

Second Innings

A C Hudson c Dassanayake b Hathurusinghe	4
*K C Wessels c Wickremasinghe b Muralitharan	16
W J Cronje c sub b Wickremasinghe	1
D J Cullinan lbw b Wickremasinghe	46
S J Cook c Tillekeratne b Wijetunga	24
J N Rhodes not out	101
†D J Richardson c Tillekeratne b De Silva	4
P L Symcox c Hathurusinghe b De Silva	21
C E Eksteen not out	4
Extras (b 10, lb 4, w 1, nb 15)	30
Total (7 wkts)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-15, 3-47, 4-92, 5-126, 6-138, 7-199

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 22-6-59-2; Hathurusinghe 9-5-9-1; Muralitharan 31-11-48-1; Wijetunga 23-3-80-1, Kalpage 8-2-21-0; De Silva 17-3-35-2; Tillekeratne 2-0-5-0.

Umpires: B Aldridge and K T Francis

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings, avge 49.23

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	14	23	4	1437	164*	75.63	9	2
M E Waugh	18	25	6	1361	178	71.63	4	9
D R Martyn	12	15	3	838	138*	69.83	4	3
S R Waugh	16	21	8	875	157*	67.30	3	2
K J Barnett	14	20	4	1072	168	67.00	5	3
J E Emburey	15	18	7	689	123	62.63	2	5
C W J Athey	14	25	4	1300	137	61.90	4	7
M W Gatting	14	21	4	1045	182	61.47	3	5
G A Gooch	16	30	2	1689	159*	60.32	4	13
M L Hayden	13	21	1	1150	151*	57.50	3	7
J E Morris	17	27	1	1439	229	55.34	5	8
T S Curtis	17	29	3	1395	127	53.65	5	6
A P Wells	15	24	2	1174	144	53.36	4	5
M J Slater	17	28	4	1275	152	53.12	4	8
P R Pollard	16	29	3	1368	180	52.61	3	9
G A Hick	16	27	2	1300	187	52.00	4	5
J D Carr	15	21	6	783	192*	50.86	2	2
N Hussain	17	29	4	1258	152	50.32	5	5
M A Atherton	16	28	1	1349	137	49.96	3	9
C L Hooper	14	22	1	1034	166*	49.23	2	6

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 24.30

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
Wasim Akram	315.4	76	824	47	17.53	8-68	4	1
K M Curran	410.4	112	1131	61	18.54	7-47	3	—
A P Igglesden	374.3	94	894	47	19.02	6-58	3	1
C E L Ambrose	424	128	900	45	20.00	5-76	1	—
M P Bicknell	502.2	137	1341	67	20.01	6-43	6	2
J E Emburey	708.4	223	1371	68	20.16	8-40	2	1
A E Warner	284.5	72	759	37	20.51	5-27	3	1
S L Watkin	697.1	164	1883	86	21.66	5-71	2	—
Mushtaq Ahmed	548.1	157	1417	65	21.80	7-81	6	3
W K M Benjamin	281.3	81	702	32	21.93	7-83	3	—
A R C Fraser	505.4	123	1331	59	22.55	7-40	2	—
S K Warne	765.4	261	1698	75	22.64	5-61	2	—
Waqar Younis	449.4	89	1407	62	22.69	6-42	4	—
C A Walsh	460	108	1319	57	23.14	5-59	3	—
N A Mallender	285.5	90	679	29	23.41	5-49	1	—
K C G Benjamin	268.5	42	843	36	23.41	6-70	2	—
C L Cairns	372.5	66	1127	48	23.47	6-70	3	—
D A Reeve	284.1	108	528	22	24.00	3-38	—	—
M A Robinson	433	112	1085	45	24.11	9-37	3	1
E E Hemmings	578.5	167	1337	55	24.30	7-31	2	1

Source: TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

Surrey proffer meek resistance

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (final day of four): Somerset (22pts) beat Surrey (4) by 281 runs

ON AUGUST Bank Holiday in the 1950s, the gates at the Oval would be closed by lunchtime. Even if there had been more than a pitifully small attendance yesterday, there would have been no thought of that, for Surrey did not trouble Somerset beyond the morning session. Theirs was a capitulation.

Needing a further 383 with nine wickets intact on one of the quickest pitches seen in county cricket this summer, Surrey were dismissed for 139. They had scant excuse other than that Stewart had a neck injury and was unable to bat. It was no surprise that this was their third successive defeat: the surprise was that they were in contention for the championship for much of the season.

So what has gone wrong? Much the same as seems to happen every season, namely that a talented side runs out of form. Since their NatWest quarter-final defeat — against Somerset — five weeks ago, Surrey have not batted well. Stewart admits as much and, although he will not be drawn on changes in personnel for next season, speculation is rife.

For instance, as Stewart is regularly playing for England, Surrey have to sort out who is to lead them for half the season. He and Lynch, the unofficial vice-captain, last played together a month ago. So Lynch would probably not have been in the side at all had he not had to lead it in Stewart's absence.

Van Troost, conceivably the quickest bowler in the world, and Mushtaq Ahmed, as jaunty and beguiling as ever, took three wickets each, but it really seemed as if whoever Harden turned to would bowl Surrey out. Even Alikhan, who has more than a touch of Trevor Bailey's barn door in him, did not survive the opening over.

Mallender had him leg-before and soon bowled Brown, who was playing inside the line. Smith was taken at leg slip in Van Troost's next over, fending off an extremely quick, rising ball. There was a particularly fine catch by Lathwell at short leg, left-handed and instinctive, to remove Kersey when Rose came on.

Kendrick was held at first slip off a glove. Van Troost making another ball rise sharply off a length. By now it was apparent that Stewart would not bat, for he was going to do so only if Surrey had a chance of saving the match.

On came Mushtaq. Hollioake, who had been hit on the hand by Van Troost, was taken at short leg. Butcher, the one batsman to get after the bowling, edged to slip and Waqar Younis went in the accepted manner of fast bowlers: six and out, in his case stumped. Not much else was pardonable about Surrey's batting.



Van Troost: three wickets

Motor racing's most bitter rivals still duelling for honours although an ocean apart

Prost aims to be crowned before Mansell


Mansell: well clear

BY OLIVER HOLT

NEARLY a year after Nigel Mansell departed Formula One in acrimony, citing the machinations of Alain Prost high on his long list of grievances, the motor racing fates have thrown the two together again for a private championship showdown on opposite sides of the Atlantic.

Mansell finished sixth in the thirteenth of the 16-race IndyCar series on a Vancouver road course on Sunday and increased his lead over his nearest challenger, Emerson Fittipaldi, to 33 points. If he wins the next round in Lexington, Ohio, in two weeks and Fittipaldi and his Penske Chevrolet teammate, Paul Tracy, fail to finish, he will become the first driver to win Formula One and IndyCar titles in successive seasons.

Yet Prost, accused by Mansell of stealing his Williams drive and pushing him into the rival series, may also steal his thunder. Hours before the Briton races in the American heartland, the Frenchman is likely to clinch his fourth world championship in the Italian grand prix at Monza in front of the fanatical *tifosi* who once idolised Mansell, the man they christened *Il Leone*.

Prost finished third in the Belgian grand prix on Sunday. A slow pit stop on the thirtieth of the 44-lap race deprived him of the lead he had held since the start and allowed Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher to force their way past him and begin an enthralling charge to the line. Still, Prost needs only to claim a points finish in Italy that is two better than Ayrton Senna's to take the title.

"I am feeling the pressure a lot now," Prost said, "and I want to win the championship as soon as possible. I was happy with third place in Belgium, especially as it was a place above Ayrton, and I would like to make it safe in Monza. Then I can relax."

Mansell dropped to eleventh position at one stage of the Vancouver race, which was won by Al Unser Jr, after brushing the wall. He had handling problems with his Newman-Haas Lola-Ford for most of the 100 laps.

"This was the toughest race I have ever been in," he said. "I lost a lot of positions on the first pit stop when the engine stalled. The second pit stop was a lot better and we beat Fittipaldi back on to the track, which was crucial. It was a lot of hard work but I gained two points in the championship and that is what counts."

The coincidence of the two races in two weeks' time will once again provoke comparisons between the two codes. Until over a month ago, those comparisons were odious for Formula One was afflicted by internal wrangling over rule changes which sought to outlaw computer-controlled driver-aids and hamstrung by the dominance of Prost in his Williams-Renault.

But many of the arguments were settled at last month's German grand prix. The teams, rich and poor, are more optimistic about the future and despite the gradual eclipse of Senna, handicapped by a McLaren chassis problem and a lack of motivation, Hill and Schumacher have emerged as genuine threats to Prost's omnipotence.

Hill, who is still being made to worry about whether he will be given the drive with Williams again next season, stole yesterday's headlines after he held off the charging German. But it is Schumacher's emergence as a genuine title contender that is more encouraging for grand prix racing.

Hill, Schumacher and Prost graced the closing stages at Spa-Francorchamps with the breathtaking brand of front-running racing that has characterised many of this season's IndyCar contests, but with the added advantage that they were not artificially contrived by field-bunching yellow caution flags.

The title looks to be Prost's this year but the elimination of active suspension systems and traction control should reduce Williams's dominance in 1994 and see Schumacher, a supreme natural talent, present a concerted challenge to Prost and whoever he partners at Williams.

In Belgium, there was a suggestion that Benetton had offered Schumacher to Williams for next season in return for securing Renault engines. It is unlikely, especially as Schumacher's performance at Spa showed he was capable of mounting a serious threat to Williams with his Ford-powered car.

If it had not been for a terrible start, so often Prost's failing this season, Schumacher, who nearly stalled the car on the grid, might have added to his win at the Ardennes track last year. Emboldened by his approaching likely championship triumph and his own unusual charge into the first corner, Prost turned to him after the race and said: "I'll have to give you lessons."

LEADING POSITIONS AT VANCOUVER (102 laps): 1, A Unser Jr (US), Lola Chevrolet, 1hr 49min 52.452sec; 2, B Rahal (US), Lola Chevrolet; 3, S Johansson (Swe), Penske Chevrolet; 4, S Goodyear (Can), Lola Ford; 5, M Andretti (US), Lola Ford; 6, N Mansell (GB), Lola Ford, 1 lap behind; 7, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske Chevrolet, 1 lap; 8, T Fabi (It), Lola Chevrolet, 1 lap.

Formula One
after 12 of 16 rounds
1, A Prost (Fr), 81pts
2, A Senna (Br), 53
3, D Hill (GB), 48
4, M Schumacher (Ger), 42
5, R Patrese (It), 18

IndyCar
after 13 of 16 rounds
1, N Mansell (GB), 166pts
2, E Fittipaldi (Br), 135
3, P Tracy (Can), 122
4, R Boesel (Br), 114
5, B Rahal (US), 111

British pair survive early fright

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL
IN ROUDNICE
CZECH REPUBLIC

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the world and Olympic coxless pairs champions, gave themselves and British supporters a fright on the opening day of the world rowing championships yesterday.

Installed as hot favourites, they seemed to have booked their place in the semi-final with some ease as they approached the finish leading their heat, and, after a crowd-pleasing spurt, Pinsent dropped the rate before the line to 33.

Warning cries came from spectators as the British pair seemed unaware of a move from Croatia on their left. Pinsent sensed the danger with three strokes to go, but a photo was needed to confirm a British win by 0.8sec.

Britain's other reigning world champions, the Nottingham County lightweight four, produced no such tension and won their heat, and a place in the semi-final, with a controlled performance. Content to lie behind the favoured Italians and the unknown Japanese until halfway, the experienced British four eased through in exhibition style.

Eight of Britain's 16 crews were involved in yesterday's racing, but the pair and lightweight four were the only ones to avoid repechages.

The lightweight four's win came in the early morning when the course was like glass, but over the midday break a strong tailwind developed and there were hints of unfairness as the first seven post-lunch races were won by crews competing in the high-number lanes.

The reshuffled and unraced men's coxless four, with Rupert Obholzer now stroking, had lane two and the talented Germans and French in their heat in this windy period and did well to finish second to the French in lane six.

Obholzer clearly did not push his crew to the limit when the required first place seemed lost. The Germans had also eased, but Ben Hunt-Davis, the young British two-man, said: "Our pushes seemed to have made a difference before the Germans knocked it on the head."

Britain's top women's crew, the coxless pair of Miriam Batten and Jo Turvey, once again suffered at the hands of their perennial French rivals, lying second through the whole of their heat which seemingly included the crews destined for medals.

The rough following waves seemed to upset the British pair, as it did their female colleagues in the coxless four who looked unsteady in the last 500 metres in lane one after a "shipwreck" at halfway. The women's four's performance yesterday puts them on the borderline for a place in the final.

Bill Baker and Marcus Williams in the lightweight men's coxless pair put themselves under pressure by being awarded a false start for lateness and failed to qualify for the semi-final by a split second in the fastest heat.

Seven other British crews, including the Searle brothers in the coxed pairs, enter the Championships today. The British crew with the quietest week is the highly-regarded women's lightweight four. With just six crews in their event, they are spectators until their final on Saturday.

Clubs in quandary as RFU rulings sow new confusion



David Hands outlines the many problems faced by former league players wanting to play union

When the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) relaxed the amateur regulations last April to allow former rugby league players to play rugby union, it opened a can of worms as far as the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was concerned. But some clubs, particularly in the north of England, may open a new season tomorrow having unwittingly infringed the RFU's recent domestic legislation which actually runs counter to that of the IRFB.

There is a belief in the north that, in effect, the union has created a "second-class" rugby citizen. When the RFU handbook arrived with club secretaries over the last week, it carried a statement emphasising that former rugby league players cannot appear in RFU club competition, although former league players who have never played rugby union at senior level may, under certain circumstances, now do so.

However, most clubs completed their registration of players a month ago and some would have faced what now turns out to be a political conundrum. Wilmslow, the Cheshire club who play in the north-west second division of the Courage clubs championship, welcomed Ian Birkby among their recruits, only to discover that Birkby spent ten years as a professional with Castleford, Oldham and Doncaster before his blossoming business career took precedence over his sporting ambitions four years ago.

But Birkby never played rugby union as a senior. Like many youngsters in the north, he played as a schoolboy for his local rugby union club in Knottingley on a Saturday and for Castleford juniors at rugby league on a Sunday — with football in the afternoon. He signed professional forms at 17 and won Great Britain honours as a colt before going on to a mixed league career as a half back.

As such he falls into the category created by the IRFB council in April: rugby league players who never played union may be admitted to the amateur game under less stringent conditions than those who once belonged to the union fold but chose to leave it. In such cases, two years must elapse since the player last received "material benefit"; that being the case both Wilmslow and Birkby saw no bar to his registration for the 1993-4 rugby union season.

However the RFU voted against an IRFB decision which, they felt, was inspired by Australia, who were thereby able to legitimise what had been happening in their own country anyway. Since then the RFU has applied (as they have every right under the game's laws to do) their own sanction against former professionals who now seek to play rugby union. Thereby another anomaly in the complex web of rules has been created.

A player such as Birkby must apply to the RFU and satisfy its amateur status subcommittee and executive committee that he is eligible to play, a process which could take two to three months. That process has begun with Birkby making a sworn statement to solicitors at Wilmslow which will be forwarded to the Cheshire RFU. But even if he passes scrutiny, he is not permitted to take part in RFU competitions: therefore Wilmslow could not play him in league matches and, not unnaturally, might prefer to keep a place in their other first XV matches for an eligible player.

It is a situation which Birkby describes as a form of "sporting apartheid" and which Peter Ord, Wilmslow's former coach and playing committee secretary, with typical northern brevity, calls "plain daft". "My surprise and concern is that the IRFB issue a statement which is quoted in the press, and then the RFU change it and don't tell anyone until so late in the day," Ord said.

"I'm sure in Lancashire and Yorkshire there will be a quantity of ex-rugby league players already registered. If that is discovered during the season there could be all sorts of bother. And if, in two years time, for example, we were to go on tour to Australia, it is feasible, though probably unlikely, that we could find ourselves playing against a team including Mal Meninga."

The RFU's concern is to stop their clubs actively recruiting former rugby league players, whose return to the game they have consistently opposed. "It would be naive not to suppose that clubs in the north of England would not seek to line up some former rugby league players to strengthen their position," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said.

The union's view is that clubs should develop their own talent in domestic competition rather than relying either on overseas players or refugees from the sport they have always held at arm's length.

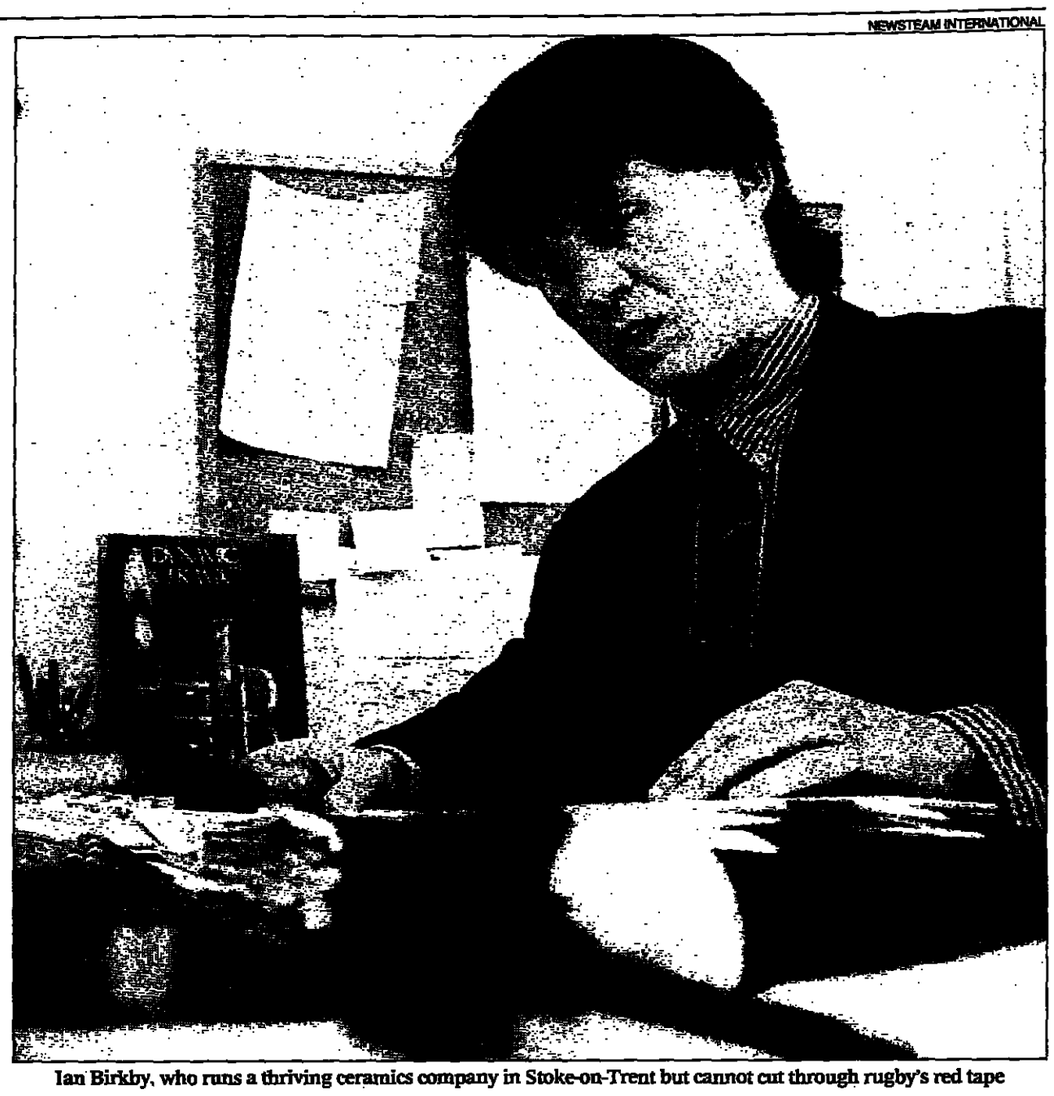
Wilmslow agree that such recruitment is "probably" going on in the north but believe Birkby to be an eloquent case for admission. Particularly so since he holds a first-class degree in metallurgy from Salford University and is the managing director of his own ceramics company in Stoke-on-Trent after a management buy-out early this year: almost a classic case, you might think, of a self-made rugby union man.

"I could play third-team rugby with everyone turning a blind eye but I don't want to do that," Birkby, 31, said. "When I heard the regulations had changed I thought I would take up rugby union seriously and I went down to Wilmslow and put in a big effort on the assumption I was eligible. I like to think I could play first team, although I would never say I would walk straight in.

"It would be a start to be granted limited recognition but that's not very satisfactory for someone like me whose active career is not going to be that long. I do think the RFU's attitude stinks and that it's inequitable. I thought about the European Courts and human rights but I don't have that sort of time for something which is essentially a social pursuit.

"On the other hand I'm sure there are lots of other guys in my situation. So long as the criteria are well-established and channels for application to play rugby union laid down, that's all one can ask, but here there are two bodies at variance. If my example serves to help one or two others, I'll be happy. The funny thing is that I doubt if the money I made out of rugby league is a patch on what Will Carling has been able to make out of his rugby union career."

NEWSTEAM INTERNATIONAL


Ian Birkby, who runs a thriving ceramics company in Stoke-on-Trent but cannot cut through rugby's red tape

St Helens await an answer from Gibbs

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) is reported to be putting together a package which they hope will persuade Scott Gibbs, the Swansea and British Isles centre, to reject a four-year contract with St Helens rugby league club, variously described as being worth between £250,000 and £350,000 (Christopher Irvine writes).

Gibbs, 22, who has made 18 appearances for Wales, returned home yesterday from a holiday in Greece under increasing pressure from St Helens to sign a contract and from the WRU to stay loyal to the union code which has brought him to prominence.

"If we don't receive a positive response this week, I reckon we never will," Eric Ashton, the vice-chairman of St Helens, said. "Unlike many top union players, his defence and tackling work-rate is as good as his attack."

Until Gibbs gives an assurance to the club personally, Ashton remains cautious about reports coming out of Wales that the player will agree a deal.

When Gibbs went for talks at Knowsley Road earlier this month, he rejected the publicised notion, after a personally triumphant British Lions tour of New Zealand, that rugby league did not appeal to him. He has, however, rejected an offer by Wigan in the past, and was on his way to discuss contractual details with Hull last year, when he turned his car round.

It was the thought of Gibbs switching codes that prompted the introduction of the WRU welfare programme.

This was designed to halt the exodus of leading players to league, but Gibbs blotted his copybook last May by incurring a two-year driving ban, which has hindered his work as a sports consultant.

St Helens would demand unequivocal commitment from the player, yet have no doubt as to his ability to make the conversion, Ashton said.

The need to recruit Gibbs to the St Helens back line is more pressing now that Alan Hunte, the centre, faces a possible suspension for his dismissal, along with his fellow Great Britain international, Sonny Nickle, in the defeat by Hull Kingston Rovers on Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH GM 4 51 Adcock 27 Crowley 81	(2)	4	KIDDERMINSTER 941	(0)	0
BROMSGROVE Stott 70 963	(0)	1	ALTRINCHAM Bell 46 67	(0)	2
DAGENHAM De Souza 67	(0)	1	SLOUGH 1,371	(0)	0
DOVER Lewis 5 Scott 31 Milton 37 Lewarthy 49 Browne 79	(3)	5	WOKING 2,220	(0)	0
KETTERING Thorpe 75	(0)	1	WITTON 1,680	(0)	0
NORTHWICH Westray 17 Hardy 60 1,266	(1)	2	SOUTHPORT Gamble 90 (pen)	(0)	1
RUNCORN Mckiernity 73 McKenzie 80	(0)	2	MACCLESFLD Alford 18 737	(1)	1
STALYBRIDGE Power 38 Bennett 70 605	(1)	2	GATESHEAD Dobson 11	(1)	1
TELFORD Whitehouse 71 931	(0)	1	YEOVIL Wilson 15	(1)	1
WELLING Robbins pen 76 1,081	(0)	1	MERTHYR C Williams 39 (pen)	(1)	1

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Charlton v OPR.
DIADORA FOOTBALL: *Premier division:* Cashalton 2, Merlow 1; NPL Merlow 2, Barrow 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Wrexford 0, Colwyn Bay 1; Fleetwood 1, Croydedon 1.
WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches: South American group A: Argentina 0, Paraguay 0 (in Buenos Aires); Colombia 4, Peru 0 (in Barranquilla). Group B: Brazil 6, Bolivia 0 (in Recife); Uruguay 4, Venezuela 0.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 14, Cleveland 8; California 6, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 5, Boston 4 (in 12), Baltimore 6, Texas 3, Oakland 7, Detroit 3, Toronto 6; Seattle 2, Chicago 13; Minnesota 5.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: *Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 4 (1st game)*, San Diego 11, Pittsburgh 0 (2nd game); Atlanta 8, Chicago 2. Montreal 3, Houston 2; Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 0; Colorado 6, New York 1; Los Angeles 8, St Louis 3; San Francisco 9, Florida 3.
BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION: Premier Conference, South: Humberside Mets 19, Humberside Warriors 5; Bedford Chicksands Indians 16, Essex Arrows 8 (double header 19-10). Scottish Conference: Dundee Dodgers 25, Clyde Valley Knights 11; West Lothian Wildcats 10, Edinburgh Reivers 8

ATHLETICS

SHEFFIELD: GRE British League Cup finals: Men (Gold Cup), 100m: D Braithwaite (Haringey) 10.50sec. 200m: A Male (Thames Valley), 21.15. 400m: D McKenzie (Shaftesbury Barnet), 46.48. 800m: P Roberts (Cardiff), 1mn 53.58sec. 1,500m: G Stewart (Edinburgh Southern), 4:00.75. 5,000m: J Hobbs (Cardiff), 14:18.91; 10,000m: K Tadessa (Belgrave), 30:02.70. 3,000m steeplechase: A Green (Woodford Green), 8:59.18. 110m hurdles: A Jarrett (Haringey), 13.83sec. 400m hurdles: G Cadogan (Haringey), 50.79. 4 x 100m relay: Haringey, 40.81. 4 x 400m relay: Thames Valley, 3min 10.70sec. High jump: D *Grant (Haringey), 2.22m.* Pole vault: M Edwards (Belgrave), 5.20. Long jump: F Seale (Belgrave), 7.41. Triple jump: F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet), 15.69. Shot: P Edwards (Belgrave), 18.77. Discus: D Morris (Belgrave), 54.98. Hammer: S Peacock (Bromfield), 67.76. Javelin: M Roberson (Haringey), 71.14. Teams: 1, Haringey, 126pts; 2, Belgrave, 116; 3, Shaftesbury Barnet, 103; 4, Birchfield, 93½; 5, Woodford Green, 79; 6, Cardiff, 77½; 7, Thames Valley, 75; 8, Edinburgh Southern, 68. Women (Jubilee Cup): 100m: P Thomas (Trafford), 11.67sec. 200m: A McGillivray (Edinburgh Woollen) 23.66. 400m: P Cohen (Trafford), 54.69. 800m: J Learner (Sale), 2min 08.48sec. 1,500m: J Stacey (Bromley), 4:29.11. 3,000m: S Parker (Sale), 9:22.33. 100m hurdles: S *Gunnell (Essex), 13.19sec. 400m hurdles:* J Parker (Essex), 58.26; 4 x 100m relay: Trafford, 45.59. 4 x 400m relay: Trafford, 3min 42.10sec. High jump: J Jennings (Essex), 1.82. Long jump: Y Idowu (Essex), 6.43. Shot: M Augee (Bromley), 16.41. *Discus: S Andrews (Essex), 48.72.* Javelin: S Holroyd (Sale), 54.82. Teams: 1, Essex 93pts; 2, Birchfield, 80; 3, Trafford, 78; 4, Edinburgh Woollen, 75; 5, Sale, 68; 6, Croydon, 55, 7, Bromley, 53; 8, Shaftesbury Barnet, 52.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Pairs: First round: D Davies and E Parsons bt T Delaney and I Morgan, 32-15: *M Dare and* G Hewetson bt W Penny and A Butcher, 20-8; G Pilbrow and J Stevens bt D Bishop and A Syvret, 27-8; D Wood and J Marshall bt G Armstrong and K Armstrong, 30-10; I Harvey and C Martin bt H Gosling and L Way, 28-11; M O'Donovan and D Dennis bt H Childs and P Johnson, 32-10; E Foard and L Harrison bt C Robinson and J Groom, 25-16; R Pidout and R Pidout bt B Johnson and C Butler, 23-21; T Moore and P Line vs N Jones and L Lewis, scr; A Sparrow and G Kitts bt G Morgan and J Shorthouse, 21-13; S Hayward and E Hayward bt J Ward and R Killer, 24-19; A Huck and T Huck bt B Howard and W Flint, 25-16.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Weymouth: Dorset 255-7 dec (Hardy 75, Reynolds 85, Bucknall 46 not out; G Sheppard 4-63); Wiltshire 167-9 Amersham: Hertfordshire 206-1 dec (S Ducat 103 not out, M R Gouldstone 70 not out) and 87-1. Buckinghamshire 225-4 dec (M J Roberts 77).

CYCLING

MOUNTAIN BIKES: Grundig World Cup (ninth round, Newnham Park, Plymouth, 34 miles). 1, D Baker (GB, Raleigh), 2:31:08. 2, N Overend (USA, Specialised), at 1:09; 3, J Tomac (USA, Tioga), at 2:02. Overall, 1, T *Fraschinecht (Switz), 277 pts.* 2, P Hinc (Slovakia), 240; 3, T Juarez (USA), 236.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON: British Junior National Championships: Seventh day: 200km tr: Gayden, Yates: 7 completions of 34): 1, R Toon (ASW20, Wrekin), 75.3kph, 841 pts; 2, S Adland (LS4, Mynd), 65.5, 805; 3, S Jones (Discus, Lasham), 63.4, 799; 4, K Hodgson (Discus), Booker 61.3, 791. 5, P Shelton, (Discus, Marchington), 58.7, 782; 6, S Wardle (Discus, Lasham), 56.4, 774. *Final overall:* 1, Hodgson, 4,571pts; 2, Rebbeck, 4,349; 3, S Jones, 4,046; 4, Shelton, 4,042; 5, S Housden, (ASW19, Cotswold), 3,608; 6, Adland, 3,790.

GOLF

THE SELFRY: Ford Home Internationals: Wales v England: Foursomes (Wales names first): S Bull (Royal Porthcawl) and A Sherrill (Whitchurch) bt D McPheeley (Longcliffe) and I Brandon (Goldenhill), 3 and 2. D Standing (Royal St David's) and P Slater (Wenvoe Castle) lost to M Clewley (Tythernington) and A Munt (Bishopswood), 4 and 3, M Jones (Glamorganshire) and I Hill (St Idloes) bt D Creeser (Boothferry) and R Rogers (Carlyon Bay), 5 and 4, R Howells (Pontardawe) and R Edwards (Llandrindod Wells) *lost to R Green (Dereham) and J* Clarkson (Kings Lynn), 5 and 4. Foursomes result: Wales 2 England 2. Scotland v Northern Ireland: Foursomes (Scotland names first): G McFarlane (Clydebank and District) and K Dorrian (Dumbarton) bt N McQuillan (Massereen) and S McAllister (Whitehead), 3 and 1; I Hunter (Wilkenwood) and J Guthrie (Forfar) bt A Ennis (Boghil Castle) and C Langford (Rathmore), 5 and 4; S Anderson (Hexham) and R McGuire (Cranbrook) lost to A McGovern (Clandeboye) and C McCann (Clitonville), 3 and 2; I Stilson (Latham Grange) and J Cosser (Happe Castle) bt S Gault (Enmskillen) and B McCluskey (Balmoral), 5 and 4. Foursomes result: Scotland 3 Northern Ireland 1.
VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR ORDER OF MERIT: 1, N Faldo (Eng), £379,820, 2, B Langer (Ger), £365,494.64, 3, P Baker (Eng), £345,889.17; 4, C Rocca (It), £307,093.86; 5, C Montgomerie (Scot), £231,139.37; 6, S Torrance (Scot), £256,721.52; 7, I Woosnam (Wal), £289,005.41; 8, M James (Eng), £278,397.67; 9, J Haeggman (Swe), £264,715.84; 10, R Raftery (N Ire), £227,744.32; 11, F Nobilo (NZ), £227,208.78; 12, P Broadhurst (Eng), £225,510.17; 13, J M Olazábal (Sp), £215,988; 14, D Gilford (Eng), £208,554.64; 15, J Parnevik (Swe), £204,462.56, 16, G Brand Jr (Scot), £198,803.27, 17, G Turner (NZ), £191,226.56; 18, A Forsbrand (Swe), £184,023.05; 19, W Westner (SA), £172,656.32; 20, J Van de Velde (Fr), £160,774.16.
LONDON, Ontario: Women's tournament: Final round: (US unless stated): 277: B Burton, 71, 70, 68, 70; B King, 85, 70, 71, 71 (Burton won at first play-off hole). 278: D Cox-Jones (Can), 64, 74, 72, 68. 279: D Mochrie, 68, 69, 71, 71. 280: K Monaghan, 72, 71, 71, 66; V Fergon, 67, 73, 68, 72. 281: D Lofland-Domann, 68, 68, 73, 72. 282: H Alfredsson (Swe), 70, 70, 72, 70; K Guactagnino, 69, 69, 70, 74. 283: D Ammaccapane, 72, 72, 73, 66; S Steinhauer, 73, 68, 71, 70; J Dickinson, 70, 71, 71, 71; C Johnson, 71, 69, 72, 71. 284: G Graham (Can), 71, 72, 72, 69; T Green, 69, 73, 72, 70; L West, 72, 72, 69, 71. 285: T Barratt, 74, 72, 70, 69; D Richard, 72, 74, 70, 69; S Little (SA), 72, 69, 69, 75; B Daniel, 69, 70, 69, 78.
HOUSTON: United States Amateur: Semi-finals: D Ellis bt J Curley, 5 and 4. J Harris bt R Cochran, 1 up

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Inter-Continental Cup: Final: South Korea 1, Spain 0.

POWERBOATING

COWES: Cowes Classic: Endurance race (193 nm): Endurance class: S M Pacer (S Mon, It), 96.64mph. Class I: Assagai IV (D Allenby, GB), 76.87. Class I (invitation): B and B Italian Marine (Capoleni, It), 89.32. Class II: Wilde One (C Stoneman,GB), 65.81. 4-litre: Hospitality Inn (G Purves, GB), 76.21. 2-litre: Alexi (J Watts, GB), 64.72. 1.3-litre: Commodore Ferries (R Smith, GB), 57.06. Cruiser: Spalding (P Armstrong, GB), 68.02.

TENNIS

COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: Final: M Rosset (Switz) bt M Cheng (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
SCHENECTADY, New York: Women's tournament: Final: L Neiland (Lat) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-3, 7-5
UMAG, Croatia: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt J Gisbert (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt G Perez Roldan (Arg), 4-6, 6-0, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) wo H Skoff (Austria), scr; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt G Marius (Arg), 6-2, 6-4. Semi-finals: Muster bt Furlan, 7-6, 6-3; Berasategui bt Gustafsson, 1-8, 6-2, 6-3

YACHTING

INTERNATIONAL 14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Race two: 1, R Yeoman and J Eplett (GB); 2, T Robinson and B Grant (GBR); 3, M Lennon and D Parker (GB), 4, I Walker and C Fox (GB); 5, J McKee and C McKee (US) Overall: 1, Robinson, 2.75 pts; 2, Walker, 6 pts; 3, Yeoman, 6.75 pts; 4, Turner, 9 pts; 5, Lewis, 12 pts.

WATER SKIING

GMUNDEN, Austria: European championships: Men: Jump: 1, A Alessi (It), 61.3m; 2, C Perez (Fr), 59.0; 3, F Charleitner (Austria), 57.1; 5, P Studd (GB), 54.0, 10, J Fisher (GB), 51.0 Slalom: 1, P Martin (Fr), 2.5 buoys at 11m; 2, J Battleday (GB), 2 at 11m. 3, Y Le Gall (Fr), 2 at 11.

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Golfers from seven countries to face United States in 31st Ryder Cup match

Europe look for revenge from 12 just men and true



John Hopkins examines the form and class of the players who will carry home hopes at The Belfry

SO THIS is it. It is the opening morning of the Ryder Cup, one of the biggest sporting events in Britain this year. You are on the first tee at The Belfry representing Europe against the United States. Hundreds of spectators surround you. They notice your restlessness, your enforced small talk, the way you continually keep staring down the fairway of the par-four opening hole.

You, however, notice little about them. There is a hubbub from both sides of the tee and from the massive stand to the left of the fairway. To you they are a sea of faces. Your heart is pounding and your mouth is dry. The palms of your hands glisten with sweat. Twelve Europeans will experience that feeling in 24 days' time when the 31st Ryder Cup gets under way.

They are 12 just men and true, and probably the 12 best men for the task of regaining a cup that was lost by one point only after three exciting and hot days' play on an island off the coast of south Carolina in August 1991. We know all 12 can play golf because they have demonstrated that by winning a place in the team. Now every one of them will be expected to reproduce those levels of excellence at a time when they will be under pressure such as they may never have experienced before.

Four are debutants — Englishmen Barry Lane and Peter Baker, and Costantino Rocca, of Italy and Joakim Haeggman, of Sweden. Rocca and Haeggman are the first representatives from mainland Europe apart from Germany and Spain, and five of this team come from outside Great Britain, a fair indication of the rise of the game on the other side of the English Channel.

Is it a worry that a third of the team have never played in this competition? It is not. Rocca, he of the lived-in face, not only resembles Ian Woosnam physically. His swing has some of the Welshman's simplicity. He addresses the ball, takes a hearty swipe at it and off it goes. He does not fidget endlessly as others do and his swing looks natural enough to be repetitive.

Rocca is one tough signor. The time he spent working in a factory in Bergamo earning £10 a week for making plastic boxes is not unlike the years of fruitless toil that Woosnam endured before his breakthrough in 1982. Rocca is no Costantino come lately. He is a hard-working, long-hitting, humble golfer, and the way he and Woosnam swapped shots during their last round in the English Open recently suggests that temperamentally as well as physically they are similar. Although Woosnam is pencilled in as a possible partner for Peter Baker, he might yet emerge and form the working man's twosome with Rocca.



Sam Torrance
Scotland
Age: 40.
Ryder Cups: 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 21, W 4, H 5, L 12.

Haeggman and Baker cope? Lane has the least experience. He secured his Ryder Cup place early on, whereas Baker had to endure the pressure in Germany last week, as did Haeggman. Significantly, as the time to produce the goods approached, Haeggman began to do that. He finished seventh and tenth in the two events he entered before last week's German Open, where, under the greatest pressure of all, he was sixth.

In recent Ryder Cups, it has been the inspired touches of captaincy that have been so telling. It was hard on Gordon Brand to be told by Tony Jacklin on the plane to the United States in 1983 that he was not going to play until the singles, but it worked.

So did Jacklin's brilliant pairing of the young Paul Way with Ballesteros. The result was defeat for Europe by one point compared with nine at Walton Heath two years earlier. Ballesteros regards 1983 as a moral victory for Europe.

Jacklin put Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle together in 1987, an inspired pairing, as were Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam in that match and at The Belfry in 1989 when they won 2½ points out of four. Bernard Gallacher was less successful two years ago when he paired Faldo and Woosnam together again only to discover that the magic had disappeared and had been replaced by an atmosphere of mutual coolness to one another. He could hardly have been blamed for that. If he had not played the two of them together from the start, he would have been criticised for that, too.

The characters in this year's team suggest there should be less difficulty than hitherto in forming foursomes and four-ball pairings. The Spaniards are an obvious one. So, too, are Faldo and Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer and Haeggman and two from Woosnam, Baker and Rocca.

Foursomes are supposed to be Europe's weak point, and if they are, they are not as much of one as the singles. At Muirfield Village in 1987, the Americans were up against it. Jack Nicklaus was the captain and he was astonished by the quality of golf the Europeans played in the foursomes and four-balls on the Saturday, after which they led 10½-5½.

On Sunday morning knots of American wives gathered at each green with small flags. When Larry Nelson walked from the first green to the second tee they sang:

"La- rry, La-rry, you're the man

"If you can't beat him no one can."

In a thrilling afternoon's golf, Europe just secured the 4½ points that were necessary for an historic first victory in the United States. Gallacher must address the phenomenon of how to tease out a successful performance in the singles from his best and mist experienced players.

Woosnam has not won a singles in five successive Ryder Cup appearances. Six times Ballesteros has played singles and he has only two victories. In 1983 he was three up with six to play and halved. Langer's record is two wins (and two halves) from his six singles. The exception is Faldo, who has been successful in five of his eight singles, though only in one (1991) of his past four. Europe needs a better singles contribution from these players than they have given in the past.

Each European team since 1981 has been stronger than the previous one. This one is the strongest yet. The players have the length necessary for The Belfry and every one has won at least one tournament, which is not true of the Americans. All Gallacher's men have to do now is the hardest thing of all — go out and win the Cup for the sixth time.

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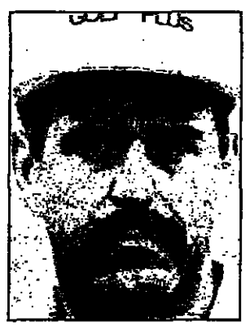
Haeggman, Europe's youngest player, takes a long, hard look into what fate holds in store for him at The Belfry next month



Nick Faldo
England
Age: 36.
Ryder Cups: 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 31, W 17, H 2, L 12.



Bernhard Langer
Germany
Age: 36.
Ryder Cups: 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989.
Record: P 25, W 11, H 5, L 9.



Mark James
England
Age: 39.
Ryder Cups: 1977, 1979, 1981, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 19, W 7, H 1, L 11.



Severiano Ballesteros
Spain
Age: 36.
Ryder Cups: 1979, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 30, W 17, H 5, L 8.



Ian Woosnam
Wales
Age: 35.
Ryder Cups: 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 21, W 8, H 3, L 10.



Peter Baker
England
Age: 25.
Ryder Cups: None



Barry Lane
England
Age: 33.
Ryder Cups: None



Costantino Rocca
Italy
Age: 36.
Ryder Cups: None.



José María Olazábal
Spain
Age: 27.
Ryder Cups: 1987, 1989, 1991.
Record: P 15, W 10, H 2, L 3.



Colin Montgomerie
Scotland
Age: 30.
Ryder Cups: 1991.
Record: P 3, W 1, H 1, L 1.

Glorious finale by Allem

FULTON Allem, of South Africa, shot an extraordinary final round of 62, eight under par, to win the $2 million World Series of Golf by five strokes on Sunday.

Allem finished with a ten-under-par total of 270, five shots clear of Craig Stadler, the defending champion, Jim Gallagher and Nick Price.

The win was the second of the year for Allem, 35, who won the Colonial in May to qualify for this winners-only event. This victory earned him a ten-year exemption on the PGA Tour.

When the final round began at Firestone Country Club, four players shared the lead at three under par, Price, Gallagher, Greg Norman and David Edwards.

Allem, who was one shot behind, swept past them all with a magnificent round that included six birdies in eight holes.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 270: F Allem (SA), 66, 68, 72, 62 275: N Price (Zim), 69, 67, 71, 68; C Stadler, 71, 69, 68, 67; J Gallagher Jr, 66, 75, 66, 68. 277: V Singh (Fiji), 73, 70, 68, 66. 279: D Edwards, 66, 69, 72, 72. 280: S Ellerton (Aus), 69, 67, 72, 72; D Frost (SA), 68, 69, 71, 72. G Norman (Aus), 69, 69, 69, 73

Competitors waiting for final recognition

Mel Webb reports on the opulent venue and challenging course that lie ahead in the *Times* Olivetti Corporate Challenge

THE *Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge reaches an important point in its inaugural year when entries close today for this season's competition. There is still time to enter the challenge with a faxed application to the tournament offices today but, for the vast majority of entrants, it is now a matter of waiting to see if their results have won a place in the regional finals.

The leading 25 teams in each of five areas will go forward to the regional finals, to be held in October at Hagges Castle (Scotland and Ireland), Fulford (North), Collingtree (Midlands), Bristol and Clifton (Wales and West) and Foxhills (South East).

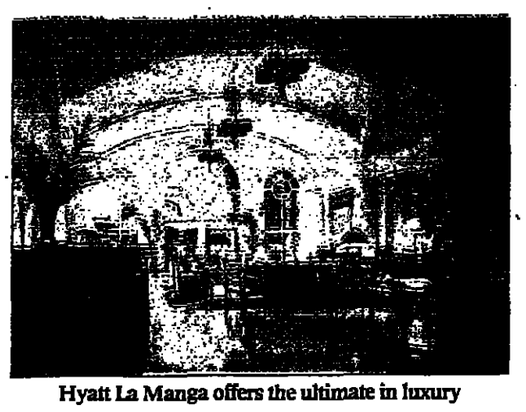
The incentive to succeed in the regional finals, and so become one of five national finalists at the famous South course at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in Murcia, on the south coast of Spain, is huge. La Manga is a venue that will offer the competitors just about the ultimate in hotel and golfing luxury and is a fitting one for the final of the challenge, the first nationwide golf tournament aimed at the business community.

The resort has recently had a £30 million facelift and it now offers superb accommodation and three fine golf courses, as well as facilities for other sports from tennis to swimming and equestrianism to yachting.

The management of the resort was taken over early this year by Hyatt International in partnership with the owner of La Manga, P&O company Bovis Abroad Ltd. Hyatt, renowned as one of the world's leading hotel and resort operators, has spared nothing in its efforts to give its guests a memorable stay.

The finalists will be staying at the Hotel Principe Filipe, the centrepiece of the operation, which has been redeveloped from the original 60-bedroom hotel on the site into a £20 million facility. The ambience of the hotel is uncompromisingly luxurious, with the emphasis on space. Loft-vaulted ceilings, wrought-iron detailing, rich fabrics and natural materials in the public rooms are just a taste of what is to come in the 192 bedrooms, most of which overlook the golf courses.

Guests enter the hotel directly into a large, airy reception area, with white stone walls, a high ceiling and stone floor. Situated just off the lobby is the library, an intimate room featuring comfortable, traditional furniture in rich colours, timber bookcases, a fireplace, tapestries and a timber floor laid with rugs. At the rear of the ground floor, Spike's Jazz Bar offers tapas and incorporates television monitors, projection screens and a stage for live music. In contrast, the cocktail bar has a club-like atmosphere while the restaurant has been designed to give relaxed, all-day dining.



Hyatt La Manga offers the ultimate in luxury

There are 60 king-size bedrooms, six suites and a royal suite. All the rooms are generously sized, decorated to complement the thematic Spanish style and have individually controlled air conditioning.

Our national finalists will find it difficult to leave the feeling of unalloyed luxury inside the hotel but another treat awaits them when they set foot on the South course. Once the venue for the Spanish Open, it was also for many years the home of the European PGA Tour qualifying school. Always a good course, it has become even better since an extensive redesign by Arnold Palmer, who won the Spanish Open there in 1975.

Palmer's design company has altered the nature of the course by tightening the fairways, building new tees and completely revamping many of the bunkers. The signature hole is the par-three 8th, which has been totally changed by Palmer.

A bunker to the right of the green has been extended back to a small lake and is now a huge beach trap that is both visually stunning and a test of courage for the player. It is a fair test, however, and will reward a good shot just as it will punish the bad one. Woe betide any player who pushes a tee shot even a few yards to the right.

Smaller but significant changes have been made on the rest of the course and although it was opened only in June, after nine months of intensive work, it has the potential to become one of the



finest inland courses in Europe. The owners of the resort announced its candidature for the 1997 Ryder Cup, already promised to Spain, and the course is worthy of the event. Our finalists will find their ability, and their patience, tested to the full.

The fax number for the challenge is 071-580-6337 and full details of how to register are available on 071-436-3415. Results and fixtures are also available on Reuters Screen Magazine, page code L071.

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Unexpected British success as Wood advances to second round

Graf moves on while Seles talks of recovery

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

THE old rivalry between Steffi Graf and Monica Seles was stirred again yesterday. They were not facing each other on court but they were competing, albeit unwittingly, for the attentions of the media on the first day of the US Open here at Flushing Meadow.

Graf, the No 1 seed, was the first to take to the stage, the stadium court, as the principal arena is known, and she left it within 42 minutes. Robin White, her 29-year-old opponent from California, was dismissed 6-3, 6-0 with minimum difficulty and maximum efficiency.

Seles, the No 1 in the world until she was stabbed in Hamburg four months ago, subsequently conducted a press conference on a nearby indoor court. She seemed to find her experience, the first time she has spoken publicly in front of an audience, the more unnerving.

During rambling responses to questions, she emphasised how much pain her enforced absence has caused. She has already missed three grand slam events and cannot be certain that she will recover in time for the Australian Open in Melbourne in January.

She revealed that she cannot yet "do a full stroke". Even attempting to do so is painful and she indicated that she suffers from numbness in three fingers in her left hand. Both nerves and muscles were damaged when a deranged German plunged a knife into her back.

She would regret being unable to appear in Australia but conceded that she needs first to resume practising and then to undergo a series of competitive matches before resuming her career. "Otherwise, it would be too tough", she said, "but I would hate to miss another grand slam event. They have always been so special to me."

She has filled her time hiking, canoeing and fishing in the Colorado mountains and, during her reflective period, the deepest ache appears to have been caused by her recent demotion as the world's No 1 player. "I haven't played," she kept repeating, "but that was not through any fault of my own". She was evidently disappointed that her fellow competitors chose not to protect her position.

She is clearly less than enamoured, too, with the response to the incident of her closest challenger. Graf visited her in hospital and the pair spent "a few, very emotional minutes crying". Since then, though, there has been no contact. "It would have been nice if she had said something," Seles said, "written me a letter or something."

Graf, in answer to a relevant question, had already offered her opinion on Seles's loss of stature. "You have got to understand that all of us have to play all year long. We all have to struggle through injuries, through our problems, through tough matches and tough tournaments.

"It has been a very sad incident and it is tough for everybody. It is difficult for all the players, but I think it has been handled as well as was possible".

The British flag, left hanging limply by the men at the end of the qualifying competition, was waved with unexpected vigour out on court seven where Clare Wood beat the odds and Miriam Oremans.

Wood reached the second round here last year and in 1990 but was not supposed to do so again. In spite of being appreciably Britain's leading woman, she is ranked only 117th in the world. Oremans, who knocked out four seeds at Eastbourne on her way to the final in June, is 28th.

The 21-year-old from Berlicum in the Netherlands realised her potential at Wimbledon, where she was eliminated by Jana Novotna in the last 16, but she was never in control even though she broke immediately for a 2-1 lead in the first set. Remarkably, she won only two more games.

Wood, noting that her opponent's forehand was rapidly breaking down, took advantage to gain one of the biggest victories of her career. She preferred to play down her admirable contribution. Oremans, she thought, "had a bad day at the office". Seles would point out that at least the Dutch woman could perform in her work place.

GEOFF WAUGH



Steffi Graf, who needed only 42 minutes to win her first match at the US Open

Majority likely to support scheme for players

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GREAT Britain's ice hockey players are about to become organised. At a meeting in Sheffield yesterday plans were announced for the formation of a players' association and it is thought that a large majority will support it.

Tim Cranston, of Sheffield Steelers, who recently acquired a law degree from Durham University, is temporary chairman of the association and made it clear that it is not looking to be confrontational.

"There are several matters which have to be attended to," he said, "including a standardised contract, proper insurance cover for all players and a pension fund."

So far, the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) has not been approached officially but this could be a stumbling block as, when an attempt was made to form a players' association a few years ago, the BIHA opposed it. Significantly, it did not accept an invitation to attend yesterday's announcement.

The players have the assistance of the second largest union in this country, GMB, and the Institute of Professional Sports is also involved in an advisory capacity.

Money could be one of the big problems. There is some discontent with the new domestic season, due to start in ten days, because the players are being asked to play more games for no more money.

Payment for international duty is another bone of contention. Great Britain appears to be the only country whose players do not receive financial reward for their appearances in world or Olympic tournaments.

The BIHA has protested about the inclusion of three players in the Slovakian squad in Sheffield this week. Peter Bondra was born in the Ukraine and held a Soviet passport for many years. Although he has spent most of his life in Czechoslovakia, he has been denied a Czechoslovakian passport, despite having made several applications.

Peter and Anton Stastny have also been challenged because they left Czechoslovakia for Canada in 1980 and have not spent the stipulated three years back in the country of their birth before playing for them.

But the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) has decided that all three can play for Slovakia and they helped their team to a 7-2 win over Japan in their opening game.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Telfer appointed to new SRU post

JIM Telfer, the former Scotland coach, has been appointed to the new post of director of rugby at the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), further creating a separation of the business and playing functions within the full-time staff. Announcing the appointment of Telfer, Bill Hogg, chief executive of the SRU, said: "The SRU committee was delighted when it learned Jim had put his name forward for the post and had no hesitation in choosing him for the job." The post had been advertised around the world and, according to Hogg, there had been a large response.

Telfer, 53, who coached Scotland to grand slams in 1984, and when he was the senior member of the coaching team, and in 1990, as assistant to Ian McGeechan, is expected to begin his duties in November.

Sport for all ages

BOWLS: The annual fixture between the juniors and seniors of City and County of Bristol yesterday produced a remarkable age differential of 88 years between the oldest and youngest players. While the junior team included two promising 12-year-olds in Darren Hall and David Turner, their selection was upstaged by the presence in the senior side of Bill Parker, who celebrated his 100th birthday in June.

Parker has been involved in the game for 60 years and still plays three or four times a week. He has won his club's Friday afternoon triples league for the last three years and also turns out regularly at lead in cup matches.

Hershiser's hopes

BASEBALL: The closer Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, Orel Hershiser, gets to the end of the season, the more he thinks about Jack Bentley and Walter Johnson. Bentley was a left-hander for the New York Giants whose .406 batting average in 1923 is the highest ever for a National League pitcher. Johnson, Washington's "Big Train," has the highest batting for a major league pitcher, .440 with the old Senators of the American League in 1925. Hershiser is bidding to shatter those marks with a .434 average and about six starts remaining.

Tour for Catchpole Jr

RUGBY UNION: Thirty years after his father, Ken, was one of the world's leading scrum halves, Mark Catchpole is poised to take the international stage. Catchpole Jr, whose father won 27 caps during the 1960s, was a surprise choice in the Australian party named yesterday to tour North America and France in October.

SQUAD: Backs: T Kelaher, M Roebuck, D Campese, B Lea, A Murdoch, D Smith, M Burke, T Horan, J Little, S Bowen, P Howard, M Lynagh (captain), M Catchpole, P Slattery. Forwards: D Crowley, A Daly, M Hartill, E McKenzie, P Kearns, D Nucifora, T Kava, R McCall, G Morgan, W Waugh, M Brial, F Finau, W Ofahengaue, D Wilson, T Gavin, I Tabua.

More glory for Gault

SHOOTING: Mick Gault, the English free pistol champion, added the British free pistol title to his honours at the British Pistol championships at Bisley yesterday, among a haul of four individual championships and an aggregate, which also brought him the A J Clark Trophy for the Victor Ludorum. Gault, who was leading scorer for England in the Home Countries International the previous day and has been in the forefront of most pistol disciplines throughout the season, is almost certain of being selected for the Commonwealth Games.

Britons take two golds

MICROLIGHTING: Britain won two gold medals in the European championships in Hodkovice, Czech Republic. Paul Dewhurst, world champion in the one-seater weightshift class, and Ben Ashman, flying an Air Creation XP, won the two-seater weightshift. Eddie Clapham and Martin Heaton, flying a Whitaker MW6, won the second gold medal, in the fixed-wing two-seater class. Nigel Beal, flying a Chaser, took silver in the weightshift single-seater class and Rob Bridgland, flying a Shadow, took bronze in the single-seater fixed wing. Britain also won the team prize.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S 11 BANK HOLIDAY RACE MEETINGS

Epsom

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.05 (6f) 1, KERRIE-JO (B Raymond, 5-1), 2, Asking For Aces (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 3, Bird Of Time (Paul Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lord Sky (4th), 10 Ems Boy, 12 Gigue (6th), 16 Northern Storm (5th). 7 ran. NR: Monkey Magic. 1l, 2l, 3½l, nk, ¾l. M Haynes at Epsom. Tote: £5.90; £2.10, £2.00. DF: £8.70. CSF: £15.37. 1min 10.85sec.

2.35 (7f) 1, CANASKA STAR (T Quinn, 5-4 fav); 2, Resist The Force (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 3, Friendly Brave (Paul Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Thunder Strike (5th), 8 Desert Venus (4th), 66 Myjinka (6th). 6 ran. 2l, ½l, 3l, 15l, 4l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.40. 1min 22.29sec

3.10 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, SO KNOWS BEST (Mr L A Urbano, 13-2), 2, Shadows Of Silver (Mr E McMahon, 10-1); 3, Satin Dancer (Mr J Durkan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Castoret (6th), 11-2 Shujan, 7 Farmer's Pet, 8 Milzig, 9 Redstella (5th), 12 Sir Thomas Beecham, 33 Blazon Of Troy (4th). 10 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 2½l, 3l, hd. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. Tote: £8.00; £2.60, £2.40, £2.40. DF: £85.60. Trio: £78.00. CSF: £61.66. Tricast: £424.32. 2min 38.48sec

3.40 (7f) 1, HELLO IRELAND (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav), 2, Noniea (W Woods, 4-1); 3, Ballah Shack (Paul Eddery, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Persian Affair (6th), Little Hooligan, 12 Northern Bailiwick (5th), Mr Devious, 20 Golden Grand (4th). 8 ran. NR. Greenson. Sh hd, nk, 6l, 1l, 2½l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £2.90, £1.30, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £9.02. Tricast: £24.28. 1min 22.54sec

4.10 (5f) 1, SABRE RATTLER (G Hind, 12-1), 2, Press The Bell (P Roberts, 7-2); 3, Allthruthenight (T Quinn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav In Case (4th), 11-2 Ashtina, Ternhars, 12 Miss Vaxette (5th), Love Returned (6th). 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ¾l, nk, 3l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £18.10, £3.80, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £27.00. CSF: £50.59. Tricast: £237.29. 55.01sec

4.40 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, BAG OF TRICKS (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Seama (C Nutter, 9-2); 3, Gypsy Crystal (N Carlisle, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mind The Roof, 4 Formal Affair (6th), 13-2 Platinum Venture, 10 Sparky's Song (5th), 16 Daring Past (4th), 20 Miss Copyforce, 33 Bayyinat. 10 ran. Hd, 3l, 2l, 3½l, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £8.40. Trio: £97.50. CSF: £21.75. 2min 6.81sec.

5.10 (1m 114yd) 1, MISS FASCINATION (W Woods, 6-1); 2, May Hills Legacy (T Quinn, 8-1); 3, Queen Warrior (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Saafend (4th), 8 Adampens, 9 Play With Me, 10 Exhibit Air (5th), Desert Nomad (6th), 12 Double Flutter, 14 Chicard, 20 Francia, 50 Kanesha. 12 ran. Nk, hd, ¾l, 1½l, 2½l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £2.70, £2.20. DF: £33.40. Trio: £30.30

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,298.19 carried forward to Epsom today).

Placepot: £148.60.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm (with firm patches)

1.50 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Elras Mood (C Avery, 25-1); 2, Mutamanni (10-1), 3, Ceka Brady (8-1). Courageous Knight 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Marchman, Welsh Heritage. 1l, hd. B Palling. Tote: £33.90; £8.30, £3.20, £2.80. DF: £379.60. Trio: £448.30. CSF: £228.36. Tricast: £1,961.71

2.20 (1m 4f 23yd) 1†, Pickles (A Munro, 14-1), 1†, Premier Dance (D Wright, 10-1), 3, Rousitto (7-1). General Chase 7-4 fav. 11 ran. Dd-ht, 5l. R Lee, D Haydn Jones. Tote: Pickles £6.60, Premier Dance £5.20. Pickles £2.40, Premier Dance £2.20, £1.80. DF: £35.90. CSF: (Pickles, Premier Dance) £63.92, (Premier Dance, Pickles) £60.21.

2.50 (5f 16yd) 1, Crystal Magic (L Dettori, 11-10 fav), 2, Dances With Risk (11-2), 3, Burma Star (25-1). 8 ran. 3l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.40, £3.70. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.83. Tricast: £89.91.

3.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Uncle Oswald (L Dettori, 3-1); 2, Zuboon (9-4 fav), 3, Tower Green (12-1). 13 ran. NR: Water Baron. Nk, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.67.

3.50 (1m 14yd) 1, Bonny Bride (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, Lyphard Street (6-4 fav); 3, Azhaar (12-1). 16 ran. Hd, ¾l. D Loder. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £6.00. CSF: £11.95

4.25 (7f 16yd) 1, Queen's View (A Munro, 10-11 fav); 2, Katiba (3-1); 3, Winged Victory (10-3). 5 ran. ½l, 2l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.97

4.55 (6f 16yd) 1, Beveled Edge (Wendy Jones, 16-1); 2, Poyle Amber (9-2); 3, All The Girls (20-1). Sophisticated Air 3-1 fav. 15 ran. Nk, nk. B Palling. Tote: £27.60; £5.20, £1.90, £5.90. DF: £95.40. CSF: £80.32. Tricast: £1,334.99

Placepot: £98.00.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Indefence (L Piggott, 9-4 fav). 2, Cut The Red Tape (5-1); 3, Karseam (20-1). 7 ran. Nk, 2l. M Channon. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £12.54.

2.50 (7f) 1, Erhaab (W Newnes, 11-2); 2, Allez Cyrano (Evens fav); 3, Piccolo (2-1). 7 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £8.40; £2.70, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £11.53.

3.20 (5f) 1, Featherstone Lane (W Newnes, 25-1), 2, King Rat (9-2); 3, Dangerous Shadow (5-2 fav). 10 ran. 1½l, 2l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £41.50; £6.40, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £47.50. Trio: £101.80. CSF: £119.84. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.55 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Licorne (A McGlone, 6-1); 2, Forthwith (9-2); 3, Rose Alto (6-1). Gisame 11-4 fav. 7 ran. 5l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £5.40; £3.00, £2.40. DF: £11.60. CSF: £29.32

4.30 (2m 19yd) 1, Welshman (K Fallon, 13-2). 2, Highflying (5-2). 3, Good Hand (13-2). Moonshine Lake 2-1 fav. 6 ran. ½l, 6l. M Blanshard. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £7.60. CSF: £21.10

5.05 (7f) 1, Royal Girl (N Connorton, 6-1); 2, North Ardar (9-2); 3, Lord Alfie (3-1 fav). 9 ran. ½l, 2½l. Miss S Hall. Tote: £8.60; £1.90, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £15.70. CSF: £30.82. Tricast: £87.58.

Placepot: £40.40.

Ripon

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, Amorat (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2, Daily Star (8-1), 3, Certificate-X (2-1 fav). 13 ran. 5l, 1l. M Prescott. Tote: £7.40; £1.90, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £11.80. CSF: £58.72.

2.30 (1m) 1, Blair Castle (R Cochrane, 9-4). 2, Harding (5-2); 3, Midushi (11-8 fav). 4 ran. NR: Daiwood. 2l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £3.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.44.

3.00 (6f) 1, Ehtfaal (R Hills, 4-1); 2, Alenees (13-2); 3, Bid For Blue (9-2). Snipe Hall 7-2 fav. 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £2.90. DF: £17.20. CSF: £27.05

3.30 (1m) 1, Cambara (M Roberts, 3-1 fav). 2, Jura Forest (8-1), 3, Brigante Di Cielo (5-1). 9 ran. 3l, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £11.00. Trio: £39.60. CSF: £24.00. Tricast: £102.28.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, Tinsashe (R Hills, 6-1); 2, Bronze Maquette (14-1); 3, Jonsalan (10-1). Dodgy Dancer 9-2 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 7l. W Jarvis. Tote: £6.20; £2.20, £5.20, £3.50. DF: £45.60. Trio: £108.50. CSF: £83.47. Tricast: £772.33

4.30 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Tree Of Life (R Cochrane, 11-8 fav); 2, Elatis (7-2), 3, Kardelle (11-4). 6 ran. 2½l, 3l. L Cumani. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.89.

Placepot: £245.40.

Warwick

Going: good to firm

2.00 (7f) 1, Times Zando (J Fortune, 8-1), 2, Polar Quest (11-2); 3, Queens Stroller (7-4 fav). 12 ran. 3l, 1½l. J Wilson. Tote: £8.40; £1.70, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £48.00. CSF: £50.48

2.30 (5f) 1, First Option (D Holland, 9-2); 2, Samson-Agonistes (3-1); 3, Seamere (25-1). Very Dicey 11-4 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l. M H Easterby. Tote: £5.20; £1.70, £2.00, £8.70. DF: £8.60. CSF: £18.58

3.00 (6f) 1, Prima Silk (P McCabe, 4-1). 2, Brave Edge (13-8 fav); 3, Kennel Boy (9-2). 5 ran. NR: Queen's Trust. 1½l, 1½l. M Ryan. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.27.

3.30 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Ann Hill (A Garth, 4-1); 2, Kiawah (3-1 fav); 3, Tejano Gold (6-1). 15 ran. NR: Castle-View. ½l, 3½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.60. CSF: £16.58.

4.00 (2m 20yd) 1, Aude La Belle (A Mackay, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Western Dynasty (6-1), 3, Monarde (6-1). Dame Beg 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Sports View. 4l, 4l. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £16.40. CSF: £27.18. Tricast: £132.04. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (7f) 1, Escarpment (J Reid, 1-25 fav); 2, Brensham Folly (14-1). 2 ran. Dist. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.10

5.00 (5f) 1, Eager Deva (S Wynne, 2-1 fav); 2, Another Lane (5-1); 3, The Noble Oak (11-4). 10 ran. 1l, sh hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £12.24.

5.30 (1m) 1, Wannabe (J Reid, 7-4 fav); 2, Common Law (11-4); 3, Majhola (5-1). 17 ran. 1½l, 3½l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £8.00

Placepot: £19.00.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.10 (2m) 1, Edge Of Darkness (G Duffield, 15-8 fav); 2, Nomadic Fire (9-4); 3, Monazite (10-1). 7 ran. 3½l, sh hd. J Hills. Tote: £2.50; £2.00, £2.00. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.01

2.40 (6f 3yd) 1, Pursuit Of Glory (G Duffield, 2-1); 2, Dubali Remy (9-2); 3, Moorland Dancer (15-8 fav). 5 ran. 2½l, hd. C Cyzer. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £2.40

3.15 (1m 3yd) 1, Henry's Luck (R Painter, 3-1); 2, Mr Rough (7-2); 3, Princess Carmen (2-1 fav). 6 ran. 2½l, sh hd. M Channon. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £12.82.

3.45 (1m 3yd) 1, Saltan (C Hodgson, 8-1); 2, Velasco (13-2); 3, Shining Jewel (11-1). Red Cotton 6-1 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 1l. D Morris. Tote: £14.90; £3.80, £2.60, £4.10. DF: £68.60. CSF: £60.36. Tricast: £542.68.

4.20 (7f 3yd) 1, Crackling Sike (M Tebbutt, 3-1); 2, Neptunalia (12-1); 3, Couchant (7-4 fav). 13 ran. 2½l, sh hd. D Morley. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £4.50, £1.50. DF: £88.10. CSF: £44.61.

4.50 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Big Pat (J Tate, 7-2); 2, Rose Noble (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Rispoto (11-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. NR: Severine. 1l, 1½l. J Pearce. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £7.20. CSF: £14.11.

Placepot: £58.10.

Cartmel

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Saoirse (D J Moffatt, 4-1); 2, Shayna Maidel (9-1); 3, Verbal Warning (33-1). Bengal Tiger 11-10 fav (f). 7 ran. 8l, 25l. D Moffatt. Tote: £4.60; £2.10, £2.90. DF: £15.90. CSF: £34.92.

2.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Beaucadeau (A Dobbin, 11-10 fav); 2, Elegant King (8-1); Ringland (2-1). 5 ran. 2l, 12l. M Barnes. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £8.20. CSF: £9.33.

3.25 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Clever Folly (G Storey, 4-6 fav); 2, Joyful Noise (5-1); 3, Good For A Laugh (7-1). 4 ran. 3½l, sh hd. G Richards. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.31.

4.00 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Kronprinz (W Worthington, 4-1). 2, As D'Eboli (6-4 fav); 3, One For Luck (12-1). 5 ran. Nk, 6l. M Chapman. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £4.30. CSF: £10.35

4.35 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Strong Views (N Williamson, 4-5 fav); 2, Keep Sharp (7-4); 3, Dubzura (9-2). 4 ran. 8l, 4l. J White. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.77.

5.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Stingray City (F Perratt, 4-1); 2, Sugemar (3-1); 3, High Caste (33-1). Invisible Armour 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 8l, 10l. L Lungo. Tote: £6.70; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £6.20. CSF: £16.65.

Placepot: £275.20.

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Its All Over Now (W Marston, 9-4 fav); 2, Mabthul (11-2); 3, Boxing Match (14-1). 7 ran. 1l, 10l. Mrs A King. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £11.40. CSF: £13.19.

2.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Mr-Paw (B Murphy, 2-1 fav); 2, Yorkshireman (3-1). 3, Bartondale (6-1). 6 ran. 6l, 3l. F Murphy. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £7.98.

3.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Battuta (P Midgley, 5-1); Edirepus (9-4); Zamanayn (15-8 fav). 12 ran. NR: Northern Trial, Eid. 2l, ½l. G Oldroyd. Tote: £8.00; £1.70, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £17.47.

3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Ullswater (J Ryan, 6-1); 2, Mr Gee (7-2); 3, Pappa Dont Preach (100-30). Secret Liason 5-2 fav. 6 ran. Nk, 10l. A Reid. Tote: £6.70; £2.90, £1.80. DF: £9.60. CSF: £25.40.

4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Fairways On Target (P Niven, 2-1); 2, Bahrain Queen (3-1); 3, Sea Breaker (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 6l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.06.

4.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Summer Flower (T Eley, 11-2); 2, Star Market (16-1); 3, Summers Dream (10-1). Are You Happy 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Westray. 3l, 6l. A Forbes. Tote: £8.00; £1.80, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £53.40. CSF: £74.08

Placepot: £184.60.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Parbold Hill (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2); 2, Bumptious Boy (2-1 fav); 3, Comic Line (7-1). 7 ran. 10l, 12l. K Burke. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.47

2.55 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Trumpet (M A Fitzgerald, 6-4 fav); 2, Innocent Princess (2-1), 3, Rich Pickings (5-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 7l. J O'Shea. Tote: £2.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.81.

3.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Glowing Path (G McCourt, 2-1); 2, Apache Flower (12-1); Allegation (5-6 fav). 6 ran. 1l, 12l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £7.30. CSF: £21.57.

3.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Moymet (G McCourt, 3-1); 2, Safety (7-2); 3, Charly Pharly (7-2). Milrous 7-4 fav (pu). 5 ran. 4l, 2½l. K Burke. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £12.64

4.25 (2m 5f ch) 1, Major Match (H Davies, 7-4); 2, Copper Mine (4-5 fav), 3, Playpen (9-2). 3 ran. 8l, 4l. T Forster. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.39.

4.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Little Nod (P McLoughlin, 5-2); Full Shilling (5-1), 3, Ciyro (5-2). Frankus 15-8 fav. 5 ran. 12l, 15l. J White. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £8.10. CSF: £13.28.

Placepot: £420.30.

Plumpton

Going: firm

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Pyrrhic Dance (J Railton, 5-1); 2, Convoy (2-1), 3, Cashable (11-8 fav). 6 ran. Sh hd, 12l. J Hills. Tote: £7.40; £3.00, £1.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £15.34. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Star Of Oughterard (W McFarland, 7-1); 2, Norstock (4-9 fav); 3, Millie Belle (9-4). 3 ran. 6l, 25l. T McGovern. Tote: £6.20. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.66

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Madraj (W McFarland, 4-1), 2, Sinding Edge (11-4); 3, Aedean (5-1). Tel E Thon 6-4 fav (f). 5 ran. Hd, 20l. R Hodges. Tote: £6.00; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £14.24

4.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Manhattan Boy (A Maguire, 8-13 fav); 2, Desert Palm (5-1); 3, Corinthian God (5-2). 4 ran. 5l, 4l. J Ffitch-Heyes. Tote: £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.19.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Pearls Beau (S Smith Eccles, 1-2 fav); 2, Cotapaxi (6-4). 2 ran. 8l. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.50

5.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Singing Detective (G Crone, 11-8); 2, Acrobate (4-6 fav). 3, Alle-Roy (25-1). 4 ran. NR: Private Jet. 1l, 30l. P McEntee. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.79.

Placepot: £877.70.

Southwell

Going: good to firm (chase course); standard (AW)

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Emerald Venture (Peter Caldwell, 9-1), 2, Safari Park (11-4), 3, Reel Of Tulloch (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 4l, nk. T Caldwell. Tote: £9.90; £2.70, £2.00. DF: £10.30. CSF: £33.18

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Brackenbrough Lad (J A Harris, 11-4); 2, Cistolena (8-1); 3, Major Risk (7-4 jt-fav). Bluejacket 7-4 jt-fav. 5 ran. 2l, 30l. D Turner. Tote: £5.40; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £11.30. CSF: £19.61

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Absailor (P Williams, 7-4 fav); 2, Magic Soldier (7-1), 3, Ronocco (4-1). 8 ran. 12l, 5l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £6.90. CSF: £14.37

4.00 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Off The Bru (Mr J Bradburne, 4-9 fav), 2, Clares Horse (7-2); 3, Knox's Corner (20-1). 5 ran. Dist, dist. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.45

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, Northern Nation (Diane Clay, 5-4 fav); 2, King's Shilling (4-1); 3, Have A Nightcap (6-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 2l. W Clay. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £5.71.

5.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Hiram B Birdbath (Mrs P Nash, 9-4); 2, Suluk (4-6 fav); 3, La Fontainbleau (6-1). 4 ran. 8l, dist. J Glover. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.16.

Placepot: £113.40.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

7.30 unless stated

Everton v Aston Villa
Ipswich v Newcastle (7.45)
Wimbledon v Southampton (8.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Birmingham v Crystal Palace (7.45)
Bolton v Oxford Utd

Second division

Blackpool v Plymouth
Bournemouth v York (7.45)
Exeter v Cardiff
Fulham v Wrexham (7.45)
Hull v Brentford
Leyton Orient v Hartlepool (7.45)
Port Vale v Cambridge Utd (7.45)
Rotherham v Burnley
Stockport v Bradford
Swansea v Huddersfield

Third division

Chesterfield v Mansfield
Colchester v Shrewsbury (7.45)
Crewe v Northampton
Darlington v Scarborough
Gillingham v Doncaster (7.45)
Hereford v Wycombe
Lincoln v Chester
Preston v Bury
Rochdale v Wigan
Torquay v Carlisle
Walsall v Scunthorpe (7.45)

Anglo-Italian Cup Preliminary round

Grimsby v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Notts County v Derby (7.45)
Peterborough v Leicester (7.45)
Portsmouth v Bristol City (7.45)
Sunderland v Tranmere (7.45)
Watford v Luton (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Stoke

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Alnwick v Billingham; Blackpool (Wren) v Atherton L R; Burscough v Caernarfon; Redditch v L Buckby; Gorleston v Felixstowe; Gt Yarmouth v Fakenham; Haringey B v Ford; Croydon v Horsham YMCA; Met Police v Oakwood; Eastleigh v Fareham; Chippenham v Bideford; Ilfracombe v Odd Down.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hendon; Basingstoke v Bromley; Dorking v Stevenage Borough; Dulwich v Wokingham; Grays v Hayes; Hitchin v Molesey; St Albans v Wivenhoe; Sutton Utd v Enfield; Yeading v Kingstonian. First division: Bishop's Stortford v Chalfont St Peter; Boreham Wood v Walton and Hersham; Leyton v Heybridge Swifts; Staines v Purfleet; Tooting and Mitcham v Windsor and Eton; Whyteleafe v Abingdon Town. Second division: Aveley v Collier Row; Metropolitan Police v Leatherhead. Third division: Cove v Bracknell; Flackwell Heath v Feltham and Hounslow B; Horsham v Kingsbury; Leighton v Cheshunt

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Brighton; West Ham v Millwall (2.0)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

First day of four

11.0, 110 overs minimum

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Nottinghamshire
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HOVE: Sussex v Essex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire

Daily Awaz International Challenge Cup: Imran Khan Cancer Appeal: India v Pakistan (Odsal Stadium, Bradford, 6.30).

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Arena-Essex v Coventry (8.0).

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BIO ISOLATES (HOLDINGS) PLC AND BIO-ISOLATES LTD
(Both in Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 20 August 1993 the above named companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony William Brierley of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.
The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against either company to the Joint Liquidators at the above address, by 30 September 1993.
The Joint Liquidators also give notice under the provision of rule 4.182A(6) that on 15 October 1993 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 30 September 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
Both companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
DATED: 23 August 1993
M. FISHMAN, Joint Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
TOLLTRECK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Registered number: 1181436. Trading name: Tolltreck International Limited. Nature of business: Chemical, Process and General Engineers. Trade classification: 07. Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 19th August 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Mineral Funding Limited. Name of Appointee: Ian Fransen Administrative Receiver (office holder no: 2294) of Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP

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Registered number: 2596119. Trading name: The Computer Games Shop. Nature of business: Other Retail Trade classification: 22. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 23 August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Ibrahim Hassbani. Administrative Receiver: Raymond Hocking (office holder no: 2322/01). Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

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RE: CENTRAL BUSINESS CLUB LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Wednesday the 15th September 1993, at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as from Monday 13th September 1993.
Dated this 25th day of August 1993.
St Clair Sonny, Director

T GLYNN HALLAGE LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN, pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that General Meeting of Members and Creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester, M3 2LE on Thursday 9th September 1993 at 10.00am and 10.30am respectively, for the purposes of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and the conduct of the Winding Up to date.
David A T Wood,
Joint Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CONQUEST INSTALLATIONS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G.C.A. Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London, EC1A 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 4th August 1993.
Dated this 26th day of August 1993
GCA Morphitis, Liquidator

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DIMENSIONAL PRINT LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 September 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 25th day of August 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T. O'Connor, DIRECTOR

THE TIMES TUESDAY AUGUST 31 1993

Spanish student completes notable holiday double with first British rides

Urbano passes exam with honours

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

LUIS Urbano, a university student from Madrid, completed a dream bank holiday weekend at Epsom yesterday when partnering Bo Knows Best to victory in the amateurs' Derby, the Moet & Chandon Silver Magnum.

The stylish success came just 48 hours after the young Spaniard donned the Queen's silks at Goodwood and enjoyed a runaway win on Talent, his first ride in Britain.

To win the Moet & Chandon race is the dream of any amateur rider but the achievement had added meaning for Urbano as he was following in the footsteps of his father, who won the race in 1971 and 1977 on Melody Rock and Quite Candid, both trained by the late Ryan Price.

Luis Urbano Sr, who runs a sports equipment import and export business, was on hand yesterday to lead the applause for his son as he returned to the famous winner's enclosure.

Apart from teaching his son to ride in a most composed and elegant manner, Urbano Sr also walked the course in the morning and imparted some sage advice on how to negotiate the ups and downs of the unique switchback course.

Urbano Jr paid heed to his father's warning about the effect of the course's cambers and the need to ride a "very quiet race" as he produced Bo Knows Best with a finely-timed run inside the final furlong to catch the long-time leader, Shadows Of Silver. Only one slap with the whip was required as the winner went clear.

The 46th victory in the career of the young jockey was fortuitous in that John Sutcliffe, trainer of the winner, had tried to book Stan Murphy, the former joint Irish amateur champion jockey.

"I could not have him as there was already an Irishman riding in the race, so I got Luis instead," the Epsom trainer explained.

"I just told him to do exactly what he did, literally to take it up inside the final furlong. He did everything exactly right. No-one could have done it better and I give him ten out of ten."

Bo Knows Best may now run in the Autumn Cup at Newbury before going for the Free Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow in October.

Urbano Jr could hardly believe his good fortune as the impact of his remarkable weekend double began to sink in. But as the student of business administration prepared to return home, he confirmed he would love to return to Britain next April to ride in the Grand National. His father completed a circuit of the 1974 Aintree spectacular on Rose Silk. "I want to ride in the Grand National. I know it is difficult but I will try."

The victory of Bo Knows Best followed an earlier local success when Kerrie-Jo took the opening Ladas Rating Related Maiden Stakes for Mick Haynes. The filly runs in the colours of Maureen Day.

Despite a couple of setbacks on Saturday, including the defeat of Inchinor in the Celebration Mile at Goodwood, Roger Charlton's horses remain in irrepressible form and Hello Ireland ensured the Beckhampton handler would continue to have the best strike rate of any trainer by winning the Tadworth Nursery in the final strides.

"Your dad came here," Charlton said as he patted the daughter of Reference Point, winner of the 1987 Derby. She looked sure to appreciate middle distances next year.

The peace and calm enjoyed by horses stabled at Manton has undoubtedly contributed to the success enjoyed by Peter Chapple-Hyam in his three years as a trainer. The benefits of the relaxed surroundings, away from traffic or the noise of towns, was further reinforced yesterday when Canaska Star finally opened his account in the Sherwood Maiden Stakes. Along with Canaska Dancer, the colt was moved from Paul Kellaway's Newmarket yard during the summer. Both horses have thrived at Manton and have each won since being in the care of Chapple-Hyam.

The funeral of Michael Seely, the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, who died on Sunday, will take place on Friday at noon at St Paul's Church, Daybrook, Nottingham.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Urbano coaxes Bo Knows Best to a thrilling victory over Shadows Of Silver in the Moet & Chandon Silver Magnum at Epsom yesterday

Progressive Licorne leaves rivals trailing

LICORNE galloped to a scintillating success in the Virginia Stakes at Newcastle yesterday, and missed the ten-furlong course record by just one-hundredth of a second.

Assuming command two furlongs out, the Henry Cecil-trained filly came home five lengths clear of Forthwith. Licorne, having her first race since early July, was gaining her most valuable success as she doubled her career earnings.

Gisarne, bred like Licorne by Lord Howard de Walden, was made the 11-4 favourite, but she disappointed, trailing in last under Lester Piggott.

The winning jockey, Tony McGlone, said: "Licorne revelled on the firm ground, and when you get improving fillies at this time of the year, there's no stopping them."

The Northumberland Plate winner, Highflying, made a brave attempt to defy 10 stone in the Perkins Memorial Cup, but the concession of 23lb to Welshman, on whom Keiran Fallon put up 2lb overweight, proved just too much, and he went under by half a length.

Philippa Blanshard, wife of the winning trainer, Michael Blanshard, said: "I doubt whether Welshman will go for the Cesarewitch this time. He ran badly in the race last year, and the more bends the better as far as this fellow is concerned. The long-term plan would be a hurdle race at Liverpool next spring, followed by another crack at the Chester Cup."

Billy Newnes took the riding honours with a 168-1 double on Erhaab and Featherstone Lane. Erhaab stormed home by 2½ lengths from the favourite, Allez Cyrano, in the Hedgehope Maiden Stakes, with Piccolo a short head away in third.

But the winning trainer John Dunlop, paying a rare trip to Newcastle, had some explaining to do because Erhaab had finished ten lengths behind Piccolo when they met on identical terms at Newbury last time. Dunlop told the stewards that Erhaab had got very upset at the start at Newbury — an explanation that was accepted.

☐ Karinga Bay (Brian Rouse), trained by Gary Moore who won at Baden-Baden on Friday, attempts a speedy course double when he lines up for the £30,612 group three Oettingen-Rennen (1m) today. The two other British raiders are John Dunlop's Visto Si Stampi and Pay Homage, who is trained by Ian Balding.

Peter Davies fifth

PETER Davies, trained by David Loder, collected £19,868 for finishing 12 lengths fifth behind the 5-4 on favourite, Star Of Cozzene, in the grade one £397,350 Arlington Million in Chicago on Sunday.

Frankie Dettori had the five-year-old tracking the leaders until turning into the straight, but Peter Davies could only keep on at the same pace in the final two furlongs.

Star Of Cozzene, who finished sixth in last year's Sussex Stakes when trained by Francois Boutin in France, came with a well-timed challenge to hit the front in the final 150 yards. He quickly drew clear to beat Evanescent by 3¼ lengths, with Johann Quatz third.

The John Hammond-trained Dear Doctor, winner of the race last year, had trouble in running but finished strongly to take fourth.

Santos became the second jockey to win the Million twice in its 13 runnings. His first success came aboard Steinlen in 1989. Cash Asmussen won with Dear Doctor last year and Mill Native in 1988.

Last year's Breeders' Cup Mile winner, Lure, was a late withdrawal because of the soft ground, which left a field of eight runners.

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Cochrane speeds to fine treble

RAY Cochrane was in impressive form at Ripon yesterday, landing a 60-1 treble with Amoret, Blair Castle and Tree Of Life.

The Mark Prescott-trained Amoret, heavily supported down to 7-1 from 12-1, spreadeagled her rivals in the Stainley Selling Stakes and attracted some spirited bidding from northern trainers at the subsequent auction.

Intense competition saw the filly, who made all to beat Daily Star by five lengths, eventually go for 10,000 guineas to Tony Pillar, a patron of Patrick Haslam's Middleham yard.

Amoret, dropped to this class for the first time, was the only horse Prescott handled for Faisal Salman, the lesser-known brother of Fahd Salman.

Cochrane repeated the tactics with Blair Castle, a 9-4 chance, in the Bonusprint Rating Related Maiden Stakes. The Ian Balding-trained colt came home two lengths in front of Harding.

The winner was breaking the ice on the Flat this season for the 1,000-strong Highflyers syndicate. Its spokesman, Trevor Bishop, commented: "This was fully expected and we booked a box for the celebrations."

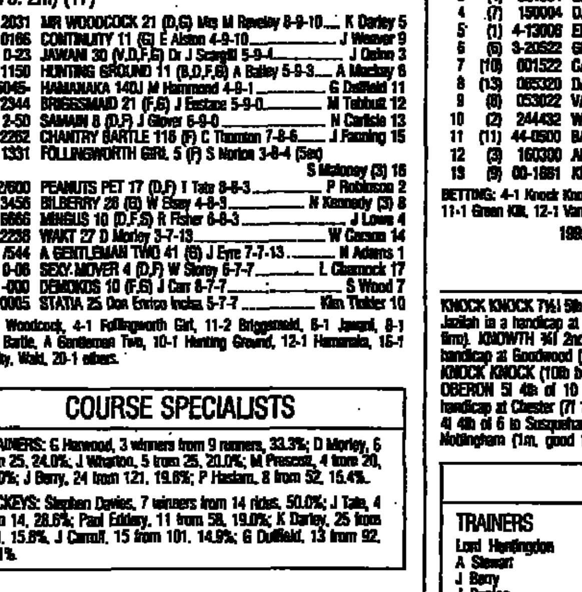
Michael Stoute's Cambara, who won over the course and distance ten days ago, was an impressive winner for Michael Roberts in the Ripon Rowels Handicap.

The Vincent O'Brien-trained College Chapel is 9-4 favourite with Ladbrokes to reverse Newmarket July Cup form with Hamas for Saturday's Hazelwood Foods Sprint at Haydock Park.

Hamas, the three-length winner at Newmarket, is a 3-1 chance, followed by the supplemented Lochsong at 7-2. Other prices: 6-1 Elbio, 7-1 Wolfhound, 12-1 Pips Pride, 14-1 Catrail, 33-1 Blyton Lad, 40-1 Sharp Prod, 100-1 Freddie Lloyd.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MODI
(3.20 Epsom)
Next best: Delta One
(3.30 Ripon)



Cochrane: in form

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.30 Antananarivo. 3.00 Causley. 3.30 Delta One. 4.00 Floating Line. 4.30 Nordico Princess. 5.00 Mr Woodcock.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 TWICE IN BUNDORAN (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 CLARO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,080: 5f) (8 runners)

1 23 ANTANANARIVO 92 (BF) J Etherington 9-0 K Darley 7
2 8086 COLONEL SINCLAIR 25 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 1
3 4 LINCOLN TREASURE 10 M Chapman 9-0 D McCabe (5) 4
4 550 MR BERGERAC 13 B Palling 9-0 D Holland 8
5 30 CAPONATA 12 J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 6
6 4 FAIR SWOP 108 M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 2
7 20 GOOD FETCH 19 (BF) P Cole 8-9 W Carson 3
8 60 PETRINA BAY 24 R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 5

2-1 Antananarivo, 3-1 Good Fetch, 9-2 Fair Swop, 7-1 Lincoln Treasure, Caponata, 10-1 Mr Bergerac, 16-1 Colonel Sinclair, 20-1 Petrina Bay.

3.00 DEVERELL CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,340: 1m) (19)

1 0200 PARLIAMENT PIECE 6 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-6 K Darley 6
2 05 ROYAL VACATION 61 G Moore 4-9-6 J Fanning 7
3 2410 BATTLE COLOURS 3 (D,F,G) M Prescott 4-8-12 G Duffield 11
4 2244 CAUSLEY 7 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-8-10 W Carson 8
5 0061 AFFORDABLE 13 (F,G) S Norton 5-8-8 D Pears (3) 18
6 2500 BALLAD DANCER 4 (C,F,G,S) P Calver 8-8-8 M Birch 19
7 3105 CHICKCHARNIE 74 (G) J Leigh 3-8-6 J Tate (5) 14
8 0005 PIMSBOY 8 (F) B Rothwell 6-8-6 S Wood 5
9 SILVER WILL W Barker 3-8-6 S Webster 13
10 00- CELLIST 510 R Thompson 4-8-4 C Hawksley (7) 10
11 6 CHIPALA 10 T Donnelly 3-8-4 S D Williams (3) 17
12 06-0 COASTAL EXPRESS 61 (D,F,G) E Weymes 4-8-4 G Hind 12
13 0482 KELLY MAC 18 (BF) M Channon 3-8-4 Paul Eddery 16
14 CELTIC RISING P Beaumont 3-8-0 Alex Greaves 9
15 2522 LOMBARD SHIPS 20 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-0 A Mackay 15
16 0006 MELTONBY 88 (C,D,F,G,S) Don Enrico Incisa 4-7-13 Kim Tinkler 4
17 1450 OLICANA 7 (D,F) M Hammond 3-7-12 J Marshall (5) 1
18 4- MEESONS 298 C Booth 3-7-8 L Charnock 3
19 54-4 SEA-AYR 58 Mrs S Austin 3-7-8 J Lowe 2

100-30 Battle Colours, 7-2 Lombard Ships, 9-2 Affordable, 6-1 Causley, 8-1 Parliament Piece, 10-1 Sea-Ayr, 12-1 Meesons, 14-1 others.

3.30 EBF SAPPER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,306: 6f) (9)

1 BLUE DOMAIN B Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 4
2 CALDER KING J Eyre 9-0 N Adams 5
3 DELTA ONE P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 Stephen Davies (5) 7
4 EZEKIEL Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
5 0 KILLY'S RAYNJA 28 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 6
6 3 SKY DIVER 76 M H Easterby 9-0 K Darley 8
7 03 TAILCOAT 12 G Harwood 9-0 C Rutter 3
8 000 WOODTONG 54 T Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning 1
9 50 EDWINA 18 M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) 9

11-8 Delta One, 7-2 Tailcoat, 4-1 Edwina, 11-2 Sky Diver, 10-1 Ezekiel, 14-1 Killy's Raynja, 16-1 Blue Domain, 20-1 others.

4.00 STEVE NESBITT CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (£5,572: 1m 2f) (10)

1 -635 WELLINGTON ROCK 19 (F) J Toller 4-9-11 P Robinson 4
2 4221 JUBRAN 10 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-10 A Garth (5) 3
3 -620 ROYAL CITIZEN 60 (D,G) J Bottomley 4-9-4 K Fallon 9
4 008/0 TAPATCH 10 (F) G Moore 5-8-10 J Fanning 1
5 -160 AVISHAYES 8 (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-8 K Darley 7
6 0311 DASHING FELLOW 17 (D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 5-8-5 J Quinn 10
7 3135 ROUTING 32 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-8-4 J Marshall (5) 8
8 0-00 FLOATING LINE 10 (D,F,S) P Wigham 5-8-3 A Culhane 2
9 0430 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 11 (V,F) J Norton 5-7-8 Darren Moffatt (5) 6
10 2363 SHARQUIN 3 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-7-7 J Lowe 5

5-2 Dashing Fellow, 3-1 Jubran, 5-1 Royal Citizen, 11-2 Wellington Rock, 7-1 Avishayes, 10-1 Sharquin, 12-1 Tapatch, 14-1 Routing, 25-1 others.

4.30 CURFEW NURSERY (2-Y-O: £3,132: 5f) (11)

1 212 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 11 (CD,G) D Cosgrove 9-7 L Newton (5) 5
2 3618 ALZIANAH 33 (CD,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-13 G Duffield 4
3 2106 NORDICO PRINCESS 7 (G) R Hollinshead 8-13 S Perks 1
4 0450 RAPIER POINT 13 (V) P Haslam 8-13 C Adamson (7) 6
5 1330 DANCE OF THE SWANS 35 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12 K Darley 11
6 4304 BOLLIN MARY 31 M H Easterby 8-3 S Maloney (3) 8
7 552 ELUMED MAY 10 R Whitaker 8-3 A Culhane 9
8 2180 KANGRA VALLEY 18 (D,G) J Wharton 8-3 J Quinn 10
9 3045 CHEEKY CHAPPY 3 (G) D Chapman 7-12 W Carson 3
10 0401 GREY TOPPA 12 (D,G) Denys Smith 7-10 C Teague (7) 2
11 6412 FLOATING TRIAL 5 (V,C,D,G) J Berry 7-8 L Charnock 7

4-1 Twice In Bundoran, 5-1 Dance Of The Swans, 11-2 Alzianah, 6-1 Elumed May, Floating Trial, 8-1 Bollin Mary, Kangra Va Lley, Grey Toppa, 12-1 others.

5.00 WAKEMAN STAYERS HANDICAP
(£4,175: 2m) (17)

1 2031 MR WOODCOCK 21 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 K Darley 5
2 0166 CONTINUITY 11 (G) E Alston 4-9-10 J Weaver 9
3 0-23 JAWANI 30 (V,D,F,G) Dr J Scargill 5-9-4 J Quinn 3
4 1150 HUNTING GROUND 11 (B,D,F,G) A Bailey 5-9-3 A Mackay 6
5 5045- HAMANAKA 140J M Hammond 4-9-1 G Duffield 11
6 2344 BRIGGSMAID 21 (F,G) J Eustace 5-9-0 M Tebbutt 12
7 2-50 SAMAIN 8 (D,F) J Glover 6-9-0 N Carlisle 13
8 2262 CHANTRY BARTLE 116 (F) C Thornton 7-8-6 J Fanning 15
9 1331 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 5 (F) S Norton 3-8-4 (5ex) S Maloney (3) 16
10 2/600 PEANUTS PET 17 (D,F) T Tate 8-8-3 P Robinson 2
11 3456 BILBERRY 28 (G) W Elsey 4-8-3 N Kennedy (3) 8
12 6666 MINGUS 10 (D,F,S) R Fisher 6-8-3 J Lowe 4
13 2236 WAKT 27 D Morley 3-7-13 W Carson 14
14 /544 A GENTLEMAN TWO 41 (G) J Eyre 7-7-13 N Adams 1
15 0-06 SEXY MOVER 4 (D,F) W Storey 6-7-7 L Charnock 17
16 -000 DEMOKOS 10 (F,G) J Carr 8-7-7 S Wood 7
17 0005 STATIA 25 Don Enrico Incisa 5-7-7 Kim Tinkler 10

3-1 Mr Woodcock, 4-1 Follingworth Girl, 11-2 Briggsmaid, 6-1 Jawani, 8-1 Chantry Bartle, A Gentleman Two, 10-1 Hunting Ground, 12-1 Hamanaka, 16-1 Continuity, Wakt, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; D Morley, 6 from 25, 24.0%; J Wharton, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Prescott, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Berry, 24 from 121, 19.8%; P Haslam, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 7 winners from 14 rides, 50.0%; J Tate, 4 from 14, 28.6%; Paul Eddery, 11 from 58, 19.0%; K Darley, 25 from 158, 15.8%; J Carroll, 15 from 101, 14.9%; G Duffield, 13 from 92, 14.1%.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 5.20 Ericolin. RIPON: 4.30 Rapier Point.

EPSOM

THUNDERER
2.15 Lear Dancer
2.45 Jareef's Way
3.20 Modi
3.50 Walnut Burl
4.20 Diplomatist
4.50 NEVER IN THE RED (nap)
5.20 Knowth

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Lobilio. 4.20 Diplomatist.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 NEVER IN THE RED.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 6F-1M 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HEATHCOTE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 1m 114yd) (12 runners)

101 (2) 50 ART TATUM 27 (R Cohen & A Merritt) R Hannon 9-0 R Hills 91
102 (8) 43 DYNAMIC DELUXE 27 (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane 90
103 (6) 00 FATALIST 20 (S Manana) J Fanshawe 9-0 M Roberts 79
104 (3) 43 LEAR DANCER 10 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 9-0 J Reid [illegible]
105 (7) 0 PAMPERED GUEST 17 (J Pearce) M Bell 9-0 M Hills —
106 (10) 40 PETITJEAN 8 (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 9-0 J Williams 81
107 (11) 005 PLUNDER BAY 32 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 B Raymond 98
108 (9) 00 STOMPIN 69 (R Richards) C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle (3) 73
109 (1) 0 WEST BUOYANT 25 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn —
110 (4) 04450 WICKLOW BOY 25 (J Johnston) R Hannon 9-0 A McGlone 91
111 (12) 530 RICH MISS 24 (R Simpson) Miss B Sanders 8-9 A Clark 81
112 (5) SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO (F Kalla) P Kelleway 8-9 Pat Eddery —

BETTING: 7-2 Lear Dancer, 4-1 Dynamic Deluxe, 6-1 Plunder Bay, 7-1 Art Tatum, 8-1 West Buoyant, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ART TATUM 4½l 5th of 17 to Barossa Valley in a maiden at Newbury on penultimate start (6f, good). DYNAMIC DELUXE 4l and neck 3rd of 9 to Manaassabad in a maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). LEAR DANCER 7½l 3rd of 6 to Blaze Away in a conditions race at Sandown (1m, good to firm). PLUNDER BAY 8½l 5th of 12 to Escarpment in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). RICH MISS 9l 3rd of 10 to Avaris in a maiden at Lingfield (6f, good), with FATALIST 9l 10th.
Selection: LEAR DANCER

2.45 LEATHERHEAD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,184: 7f) (11 runners)

201 (5) 000 ARAFARAZ 15 (P Cook) L Holt 9-0 J Reid 73
202 (2) 25 CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 62 (R Michaelson) M Bell 9-0 M Hills 76
203 (3) 5 DONTFORGET INSIGHT 69 (Insight Cartons Ltd) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 93
204 (11) 223 JAREEF'S WAY 11 (BF) (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery [illegible]
205 (7) 0 LETS GO BO 13 (N Goldman) J Sutcliffe 9-0 A McGlone 80
206 (4) 0 LITTLE GENT 32 (C Holland) R Akehurst 9-0 L Carter (7) —
207 (8) 0 MIGHTY FORUM 17 (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 81
208 (10) 50 NORDANCE PRINCE 4 (P Pink) D Wilson 9-0 M Wigham 93
209 (9) 04 ROBSERA 15 (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0 B Raymond 93
210 (1) 650 SECUNDUS 17 (C Meehan) B Meehan 9-0 M Roberts 92
211 (6) 0 DAVID'S DREAM 24 (D Johnson) J Scargill 8-9 — —

BETTING: 15-8 Jareef's Way, 7-2 Dontforget Insight, 5-1 Secundus, 7-1 Robsera, 8-1 Captain Starlight, 10-1 Mighty Forum, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 11½l 5th of 13 to Mokaite in a maiden auction at Catterick (7f, good to firm). DONTFORGET INSIGHT about 9l 5th of 14 to Lomas in a maiden at Kempton (7f, good). JAREEF'S WAY 2½l 3rd of 14 to King Curan in a maiden at Chester (7f, good to soft). LETS GO BO 9½l 9th of 22 to Friendly Champ in a maiden auction at Kempton (6f, good to firm). NORDANCE PRINCE 9½l 5th of 14 to Star Talent in a maiden at Goodwood on penultimate start (6f, good to soft), with ROBSERA 1½l 7th. ROBSERA 4½l 4th of 14 to Crystal Magic in maiden at Windsor (5f, good to firm), with ARAFARAZ 7½l 11th. SECUNDUS 8l 9th of 23 to Pencader in a maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm), with MIGHTY FORUM 5l 15th.
Selection: JAREEF'S WAY

3.20 STEVE DONOGHUE APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES
(£3,557: 1m 4f 10yd) (9 runners)

301 (7) 0531-15 CLIFTON CHASE 232 (D,BF,G) (D Cahal) J Harris 4-9-5 D Wright 83
302 (2) 044004 INCOLA 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 7-9-5 Antoinette Armes (5) 78
303 (8) 001450 LOBILIO 10 (V,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-5 B Doyle (3) 96
304 (6) 06000/ NORTHERN VILLAGE 110J (Visual Identity Ltd) S Dow 6-9-5 F Norton —
305 (5) 356646 SONG OF SIXPENCE 22 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-9-5 D Griffiths (6) 98
306 (3) 052232 FOOLS ERRAND 17 (BF) (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 3-8-9 D O'Neill (6) [illegible]
307 (9) 215332 MR COPYFORCE 14 (V,CD,F) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 3-8-9 A Martinez (5) 88
308 (4) 04010 IMPECCABLE TASTE 11 (D,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-4 J D Smith (6) 87
309 (1) 52-40 MODI 20 (Sultan Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-4 D Harrison (3) 90

BETTING: 9-2 Mr Copyforce, 5-1 Lobilio, 11-2 Fools Errand, 6-1 Modi, 7-1 Impeccable Taste, 8-1 Incola, 10-1 Song Of Sixpence, 14-1 Clifton Chase, 25-1 Northern Village.

1992: INCOLA 6-8-9 Antoinette Armes (5-1) H Candy 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLIFTON CHASE beat Well And Truly ½l in a 16-runner handicap at Southwell on penultimate start (AW, 1m 4f, standard). INCOLA about 1¼l 4th of 7 to Big Pat in a handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). LOBILIO 7¾l 4th of 14 to Jazilah (disqualified and placed last) in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). SONG OF SIXPENCE about 6¾l 4th of 7 to Mr Tate in an apprentices' handicap here on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). FOOLS ERRAND 1½l 3rd of 6 to Day Of History in a handicap at Goodwood on penultimate start (1m 4f, good to soft). MR COPYFORCE 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Runaway Pete in a handicap at Brighton on penultimate start (1m 4f, firm). IMPECCABLE TASTE beat Gold Tassel 1l in a 6-runner maiden at Brighton on penultimate start (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: FOOLS ERRAND

3.50 LADBROKE GROUP SPRINT HANDICAP (£3,850: 6f) (18 runners)

401 (17) 000000 CONFRONTER 54 (D,G,S) (Hatfield Ltd) S Dow 4-10-0 D Harrison (3) 93
402 (7) 063560 BAYSHAM 20 (B,D,G,S) (W Butt) B Millman 7-9-10 S Whitworth 96
403 (13) 400000 LOVE LEGEND 10 (D,F,G) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 8-9-9 T Quinn 96
404 (12) 331000 FARMER JOCK 11 (D,F,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 11-9-2 J Reid 95
405 (1) 015630 STORMY HEIGHTS 3 (B,F) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 3-9-2 M Roberts 94
406 (10) 03641 DOUBLE BOUNCE 14 (D,F) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) K Ivory 3-9-2 W Newnes 96
407 (5) 436004 GO FLIGHTLINE 4 (S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 3-8-9 J Williams 94
408 (2) 205400 PURBECK CENTENARY 11 (G) P Howling 3-8-9 R Cochrane 93
409 (4) 4-50033 LORINS GOLD 14 (B) (Mrs M Taylor) A Tunnell 3-8-8 S Dawson 88
410 (18) 660 GARRY'S CHOICE 22 (Mrs J Frankham) B Smart 4-8-5 Dale Gibson 92
411 (3) 40-0000 PRECENTOR 56 (V,D,F,G) (Lord Westbury) J Bethell 7-8-5 R Hills 91
412 (11) 606003 WALNUT BURL 12 (V,F) (G Steinberg) L Holt 3-8-3 A McGlone [illegible]
413 (9) 043002 COURTING NEWMARKET 12 (D,G) (G Taylor) Mrs A Knight 5-8-2 D Toole (7) 90
414 (16) 505-61 AGWA 19 (D,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 4-8-0 F Norton 94
415 (15) 605630- STERLING PRINCESS 334 (Mrs E Spong) P Howling 3-7-13 D Wright (5) 80
416 (8) 060-640 GAYNOR GOODMAN 88 (I Hutchins) P Hedger 3-7-12 C Avery 87
417 (14) 310000 BELLE SOIREE 20 (D,G) (P Gibbons) R Akehurst 3-7-11 B Russell (5) 92
418 (6) 500600 GALLANT HOPE 13 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 11-7-9 G Bardwell 98

BETTING: 6-1 Agwa, 8-1 Go Flightline, Walnut Burl, 10-1 Belle Soiree, Courting Newmarket, 12-1 Baysham, Double Bounce, Purbeck Centenary, Stormy Heights, 14-1 Confronter, Love Legend, Precentor, 16-1 others.

1992: TEMPLE FORTUNE 3-8-11 R Hills (9-1) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOVE LEGEND 6l 7th of 11 to Maclarlane in a handicap at Chester (5f, soft). STORMY HEIGHTS 1l 3rd of 9 to Jess Rebec in a handicap at Yarmouth on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). DOUBLE BOUNCE beat Red Admiral a neck in a 12-runner maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm), with LORINS GOLD (8lb better off) 7l 3rd. GO FLIGHTLINE 6l 4th of 15 to Choir Practice in an apprentices' handicap at Goodwood (5f, good). COURTING NEWMARKET short-head 2nd of 7 to Princely Favour in an apprentices' handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm), with WALNUT BURL (8lb better off) a neck 3rd. AGWA beat Face The Future ¾l in a 10-runner handicap at Salisbury (6f, good), with GALLANT HOPE (7lb better off) 12¼l 9th. GAYNOR GOODMAN 3l 8th of 15 to Little Saboteur in a handicap at Goodwood (5f, good).
Selection: WALNUT BURL

4.20 CPM FIELD MARKETING MAIDEN STAKES
(Fillies & mares: £3,260: 1m 2f 18yd) (4 runners)

501 (3) 4-22202 DIPLOMATIST 41 (Mrs S Page) W Jarvis 3-8-9 J Reid 91
502 (4) 23 LAMBAST 33 (Exors of the late Mrs J de Rothschild) D Elsworth 3-8-9 Pat Eddery 85
503 (2) 6-0 LA POSADA 80 (R Lorenz) R Hannon 3-8-9 A McGlone —
504 (1) 52 LA SPEZIA 10 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-9 M Roberts [illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Diplomatist, 9-4 La Spezia, 11-4 Lambast, 6-1 La Posada

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DIPLOMATIST head 2nd of 10 to Ratil in a maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good). LAMBAST 6½l 3rd of 13 to Alkhafji in a maiden at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). Best effort when a neck 2nd of 18 to Teen Jay in a maiden auction at Windsor (1m 2f, good to soft). LA POSADA 9½l last of 9 to Oscar in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft). LA SPEZIA 3½l 2nd of 12 to Java Queen in a maiden at Sandown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: LA SPEZIA

4.50 REDHILL SELLING STAKES (£3,080: 5f) (8 runners)

601 (7) 264110 MARTINA 14 (D,F,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 77
602 (6) 4-33204 NEVER IN THE RED 32 (B,D,F,G) (R Aird) J Berry 5-9-0 L Piggott [illegible]
603 (2) 400045 SIGAMA 21 (CD,F) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 7-9-0 R Lappin 95
604 (5) 225434 KILDEE LAD 20 (J O'Donovan) A Jones 3-8-11 J Williams 66
605 (8) 520654 MAID WELCOME 40 (V,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-9 S Drowne (7) 74
606 (3) 412600 TREASURE TIME 4 (D,F) (Coldorn Hills Racing Club) J White 4-8-9 K Rutter (5) 82
607 (4) 10-0034 FIVE ISLANDS 28 (D,G) (Lord Portman) P Cole 3-8-6 T Quinn 74
608 (1) 605416 PERFECT PASSION 15 (D,G) (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 3-8-6 Antoinette Armes (7) 81

BETTING: 15-8 Never In The Red, 7-2 Martina, 5-1 Sigama, Treasure Time, 8-1 Maid Welcome, 10-1 others.

1992: ANOTHER EPISODE 3-9-6 G Carter (1-2 fav) J Berry 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARTINA's best effort came when beating Double Shift a short head in a 19-runner handicap at Bath (5f, good to firm). NEVER IN THE RED 3¾l 4th of 5 to Bodari in a handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). SIGAMA 6½l last of 5 to Gipsy Fiddler in a claimer at Catterick (5f, good). KILDEE LAD 5½l 4th of 7 to Sense of Priority in a seller at Beverley (5f, good to firm). MAID WELCOME 6½l 4th of 7 to Belsshangien in a handicap at Brighton (5f 110yd, good). FIVE ISLANDS 2½l last of 4 to Sharp Gazelle in a claimer at Brighton (7f, firm).
Selection: NEVER IN THE RED

5.20 CHALK LANE HANDICAP (£3,817: 1m 2f 18yd) (13 runners)

1 (5) 002014 KNOCK KNOCK 10 (D,BF,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-10-0 R Cochrane 94
2 (12) 0-02322 KNOWTH 35 (G) (Rustlers Partners) R Akehurst 4-9-13 T Quinn 93
3 (4) 321304 LORD OBERON 10 (F,G) (Mrs A Quinn) J Akehurst 5-9-6 D Biggs 93
4 (7) 150004 DANNY BOY 28 (BF,G) (I Twigden) R Hannon 3-9-2 J Reid 96
5 (1) 4-13006 ERICOLIN 28 (V,D,G) (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 3-9-2 M Roberts 97
6 (6) 3-20522 GREEN KILT 32 (BF) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-2 W R Swinburn 92
7 (10) 001522 CAST THE LINE 28 (G) (D Banie) A Stewart 3-8-13 A McGlone 92
8 (13) 085320 DALALAH 26 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-12 R Hills 89
9 (8) 053022 VANBOROUGH LAD 22 (G,S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 4-8-5 B Raymond 96
10 (2) 244432 WITHOUT A FLAG 7 (BF) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-2 J D Smith (7) [illegible]
11 (11) 44-0500 BAYDON BELLE 70 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 3-7-13 D Harrison (3) 88
12 (3) 160330 ALBERT 13 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-7-12 Sharon Millard (7) 92
13 (9) 00-1661 KELIMUTU 6 (D,F) (J Fadong) J Pearce 4-7-8 (4ex) G Bardwell 94

BETTING: 4-1 Knock Knock, 9-2 Knowth, 8-1 Cast The Line, Kelimutu, 9-1 Lord Oberon, 10-1 Without A Flag, 11-1 Green Kilt, 12-1 Vanborough Lad, 14-1 Danny Boy, 16-1 Ericolin, 20-1 Albert, Dalalah, 25-1 Baydon Belle.

1992: SHREWD PARTNER 3-9-8 Y Okabe (13-2) D Elsworth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOCK KNOCK 7¾l 5th (promoted to 4th) of 14 to Jazilah in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). KNOWTH ¾l 2nd of 13 to Rose Alto in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft), with KNOCK KNOCK (10lb better off) 11¾l 7th. LORD OBERON 5l 4th of 10 to Hunters of Brora in a handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, soft). DANNY BOY 4l 4th of 6 to Susquehanna Days in a handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). GREEN KILT 4l 2nd of 3 to City Rocket in a rated maiden at Thirsk (7f, firm). CAST THE LINE 2l 2nd of 6 to Runaway Pete in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, firm), with ERICOLIN (5lb better off) 13¼l 6th. WITHOUT A FLAG neck 2nd of 8 to Ice Rebel in a rated maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). KELIMUTU beat Don't Drop Bombs 1l in a 17-runner amateurs' handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: KNOWTH (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	5	14	35.7	M Roberts	23	126	18.3
A Stewart	5	20	25.0	R Cochrane	12	67	17.9
J Berry	9	39	23.1	J Reid	14	84	16.7
J Dunlop	5	23	21.7	Pat Eddery	20	125	16.0
D Elsworth	9	48	18.8	R Hills	4	31	12.9
H Thomson Jones	3	18	16.7	D Harrison	3	26	11.5

Australian officials cautious as IOC's day of decision draws near

Olympic dreams grow in Sydney



David Miller examines the bid to take the Games to Australasia for the first time since 1956

Noel Dodwell, avuncular and reassuring and for 28 years a helicopter pilot with the Australian government including service in Vietnam, has been having fun. For the past 30 months, he has been taking members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on dive-bombing raids over Sydney, prospective Olympic hosts for 2000.

As Dodwell lifts the visitor up above the famous harbour, swings high over the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge with its two flags, the Southern Cross and the special Games emblem, standing stiff in a sailor's whiff, there is an eagle eye's view of the city's appealing credentials.

In more than a hundred sorties, the visitors have swooped around the five venues of downtown Darling — basketball, boxing, judo, table-tennis and weight-lifting — and then onto another 14 venues compactly arranged, alongside the proposed competitors and press villages, at Homebush Bay, a six-square mile, £160 million Olympic centre.

From there, Dodwell swings west to Penrith, 30 minutes by motor expressway from the village. Circling over the Blue Mountains, so named for their hazy light, he suddenly plummets down like a big dipper to goal-post height above the 2km straight of the near complete rowing and canoe course, scarily leaping the banks at 100 mph.

In Dodwell's hands, you experience Sydney in some style and when he drops you off at the swimming complex construction at Homebush, there is more fun to come. Not only will athletes be able to walk to the 14 Homebush venues, but a remarkable high speed catamaran, as wide as a tennis court and barely two metres above the water, will convey them in only 20 minutes along the twisting, picturesque inner harbour waterways to their Darling harbour appointments or the downtown hotels. The 25 knot catamaran is almost an Olympic event in itself. Four governments have made export enquiries.

Jan Morris, the writer, referred to Sydney as "this shimmering city". If the bidding to host 2000 was decided on straightforward technical merit, the IOC would have a simple choice between Sydney and Manchester. The IOC's Evaluation Commission stated as much in its official report, with Sydney's virtues practical and emotional, marginally the more extensive.

> 'Politics, geography and commerce will have as strong an influence as any sophistication of facilities'

Yet the reality of the decision on September 23 in Monte Carlo is anything but straightforward. Rod McGeoch, the tall, dark, lean and hungry lawyer who directs Sydney's campaign, openly, yet worriedly, admits this while attempting to remain sanguine during the anxious countdown. Politics, geography and commerce will have as strong an influence as any sophistication of facilities or care for athletes' interests.

"When the campaign began," McGeoch says, "there was an [IOC] awareness of it being Australia's third consecutive bid with a lot of comment about 'it's got to come your way.' I'm not sure if that is still true. We will never say 'it's our turn', but if we don't get it, in 100 years the IOC will have given one of the five representational rings a single Games — Melbourne in 1956.

"If the IOC were conscious of sharing, that would help us. The Americas have had four summer games, Asia too, Europe many, Oceania one, and Africa as yet, none. We try not to over-estimate our chance. We think we have got strong support but no idea if it is enough." That, perhaps, is the bottom line for Sydney: are there enough IOC members who, in a secret ballot away from comfy conversation, actually want a Games in Australia, which has spent over $60 million in three consecutive campaigns?

McGeogh, one of whose strengths has been the close working relation with John Coates, the Australian Olympic chairman, and with home IOC members Kevan Gosper and Phil Coles, reflects on other imponderables. Will the six IOC members on the Enquiry Commission vote in accord with their objective report? Does United States Congress criticism of Peking's bid over human rights damage them or push the independent-minded IOC into defensive support?

Sydney has people-power and experience, besides bricks and dollars: some 40 world championships hosted at various levels over five years. Their bid breakfast for the telecast vote from Monaco at 4.20am is well over-subscribed. The bid has 300 sponsors, a third international: together with the $300 million share of the IOC's TOP sponsorship, this will generate almost a third of the Sydney budget of $975 million.

Their estimate on United States television rights is $488 million, the second lowest of five candidates, which in the light of the $458 million figure negotiated for prime-time viewing at Atlanta in 1996, would seem an accurate assessment. An attraction for athletes is the environment-conscious village construction and the housing, for the first time in the modern Games, of all competitors in one village.

With architect Philip Cox's range of sweeping white-roofed new stadiums, with the government cleaning the beaches as part of its $1.4 billion city reconstruction programme (airports, rail and road), Sydney is indeed entitled to say to the Olympic movement with some confidence: "G'day, see ya'lai-der".

Not that late, I should add. The last two weeks of September herald the multi-coloured scent of Sydney's temperate spring. If the legendary Ron Clarke were still distance running, he would be breaking more records.



Ron Clarke, Australia's legendary runner

Gunnell inspires victory on day for club runners

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

AFTER the parade of world champions before a full house of 25,000 at Don Valley stadium, Sheffield, on Sunday, the climax to the British club season followed there yesterday. On Sunday, each Stuttgart medal-winner was introduced to the crowd. It would have taken less time yesterday, at the national cup finals, to introduce the crowd to the athletes.

It hardly mattered, though, to either Sally Gunnell or to Tony Jarrett, that the sun was blazing over empty seats. They were there to serve their clubs and the day went perfectly. They did not let their teams down, both winning, and their teams did not let them down, winning too.

Essex Ladies, Gunnell's club, regained the women's GRE Jubilee Cup; Haringey AC, Jarrett's club, regained the men's GRE Gold Cup. It was the first club outing for either this summer.

"All season I was concentrating on getting ready for the world championships, not thinking about the club; it's hard to do both," Jarrett said. "With the championship over, I wanted to help out."

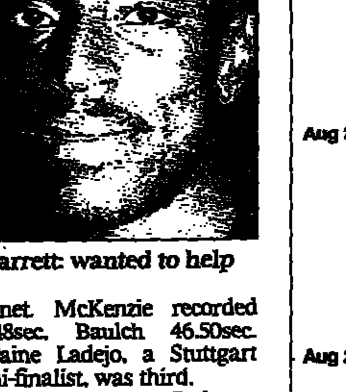
For Gunnell, the motive was stronger. The men's team to represent Britain in Europe next season was decided by the league championship (Haringey have done the double); but the women send their cup winners, and Gunnell knew that, should Essex Ladies qualify, she would have an early-season relaxed racing opportunity on the Continent next season.

"This is the most important competition of the season for the club and I wanted to play my part," Gunnell said after winning the 100 metres hurdles in 13.19sec. However, neither Gunnell nor Jarrett, winner of the 110 metres hurdles in 13.83sec, has finished with this season yet. They have two grand prix races each to come.

A feature of the men's final was the appearance of Cardiff AAC, the champions of the fourth division. The seven other finalists were from the first division and Cardiff were not disgraced, finishing sixth. They had a Welsh record to celebrate as well.

John Robertson's Welsh 400 metres mark had lasted 24 years to the day. But Jamie Baulch, not born when Robertson set his mark of 46.60sec, took a tenth off it. Baulch was experimenting with the distance.

Normally a 200 metres runner, he did not quite have the staying power, losing his lead on the line to David McKenzie, of Shaftesbury Barnet. McKenzie recorded 46.48sec, Baulch 46.50sec. Du'aine Ladejo, a Stuttgart semi-finalist, was third.



Jarrett: wanted to help

For once, Gary Cadogan was not the worst abuser of hurdles. Clova Court, pushing Gunnell to the ninth, hit it with such force that it broke.

Cadogan had a clear win here and will have his last 400 metres hurdles race of the season in Rieti, Italy, on Sunday. Now Britain's No 1, after Kriss Akabusi's retirement and an injury to Jon Ridgeon, Cadogan wants to finish his first season with a run under 49 seconds. "Kriss broke 49 seconds in his first year and I want to do the same," Cadogan said.

Dalton Grant wants Steve Smith's British high jump record and, with two near misses at 2.38 metres yesterday, he almost claimed it.



COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

Aug 17 Edinburgh Crystal (at Glencorse)
1. C Quinney, 31pts; 2. D Arbuckle, 31; 3. D Docherty, 30; Top guest: K Watson, 40
Aggregate score: 132

Aug 20 McDermott Engineering (Europe) Ltd (at Ballater)
1. V Rees, 32pts; 2. F Chadwick, 32; 3. A Ramsay, 28; Top guest: B Birse, 38
Aggregate score: 130

Aug 22 Sperry-Sun Drilling Services (at Forfar)
1. T Duncan, 42pts; 2. J Howell, 32; 3. F Burgess, 31; Top guest: K Bannerman, 35
Aggregate score: 140

Aug 23 The Wyatt Company (UK) Ltd (at Coombe Hill)
1. A Watson, 38pts; 2. C Blake, 33; 3. K Spring, 30; Top guest: A Froude, 35
Aggregate score: 136

Aug 24 James and George Collie (at Ballater)
1. I Miller, 34pts; 2. D Christie, 30; 3. I McLennan, 28; Top guest: H Robertson, 42
Aggregate score: 134

Aug 26 Oceaneering International Services Ltd (at Deeside)
1. D Bloom, 38pts; 2. A Murray, 38; 3. G Crooks, 36; Top guest: M O'Neill, 42
Aggregate score: 154

Aug 26 Olivetti UK CSG 100 Club (at Farthingstone)
1. J Treslove, 38pts; 2. D Dodd, 34; 3. R Madden, 31; Top guest: J Bosher, 37
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Venturing out in the traffic

Ian Holm, back on stage in a new play by Harold Pinter after years of film and television work, talks to **Matt Wolf**

When Harold Pinter's *Moonlight* begins performances this week, the production will mark a homecoming in more ways than one. The 75-minute play makes history as Pinter's first full-length (or near enough) work for the theatre since *Betrayal* in 1978; in addition, it returns to the stage an actor — Ian Holm — who has absented himself from the theatre for almost as long, having come to fame early on in Shakespeare and, yes, in Pinter's *Homecoming*.

Holm's reason for his theatrical silence is by now well chronicled — a breakdown during the first preview of a 1976 Royal Shakespeare Company production of O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*, which shattered his confidence. ("I'm not a particularly emotional, nervous or depressive person, so when that thing happened, it was a severe shock," he says).

A subsequent Hampstead Theatre *Uncle Vanya*, with Nigel Hawthorne and Alison Steadman, failed to point the way to recovery. "I managed to get through the run," he says. "But I was drained and thought, 'I'm sorry; this isn't for me at the moment.' I went through the terrors of the damned."

The ensuing years saw various offers, from Peter Hall's West End *Tartuffe* and Strindberg's *The Father* at the National, through to the sexually deluded diplomat in *M. Butterfly*. But Holm, who will be 62 in a few weeks, continually said no, loosening his resolve at the prospect of a Pinter reunion.

"I have been making a lot of excuses through fear and so on," Holm explains, prior to a late afternoon run-through of *Moonlight*, "and did actually vow to myself if anything of Harold's came up, to consider a knock on my door again." In March, director David Leveaux sent round the script, and Holm was hooked. "It was a great acting space, with a wonderful cast doing a short play for a short season; I could be home for the ten o'clock news. It turned out to be quite simply an offer I could not refuse."

It also lent continuity to a career launched in Stratford in 1954 as a spear-carrier in *Othello*, only to shift over the last decade to a range of television and film parts filling the gap created by Holm's self-exile from the theatre. "I have actually only ever created one role in my entire life [on stage], and that was Lenny," Holm says of the *Homecoming*, which won him a 1967 Tony Award in the play's Broadway transfer period.

"We have all found in this, maybe compared to the *Homecoming*, a glorious flexibility in interpretation; one is not strictured in any sense," Holm continues. "As with any play, you go down all the avenues in rehearsal, and you end up with a text you can trust like Shakespeare; it is all there in the text, and it mustn't be fudged."

Holm describes *Moonlight* as a family drama, an ensemble piece with himself as the paterfamilias presiding over a wife (Anna Massey), two sons, and two visitors. But, beyond that, the actor observes the playwright's fierce silence about his work. ("With Harold," he says, with a laugh, "you know the rules.")

> 'The majority of us in England find it difficult to comment on a style of acting'

What Holm can do is compare the working methods of Sir Peter Hall, Pinter's director throughout the Sixties and Seventies, with those of Leveaux, the playwright's current collaborator. "David is bringing us back to the text, having explored all the other bits of character, whereas in a sense Peter did it the other way round. One felt, or I felt, slightly more tied to a textual precision from day one: David's probably not quite as precise in a musical sense."

The Rada-educated Holm feels no bitterness about his years away from the stage, aware that he took to celluloid rather more confidently than others of his generation. "Because of the dread monster," he says of stage fright, "my career inevitably spun off into movies and television. I always think, 'Thank God I didn't carry the monster into the other two mediums.' I never freaked out in front of a camera, mainly because you can do it again. It became more and more enjoyable, perhaps because I have always responded to the moment [of film] as opposed to the two-hour traffic every night that is the theatre."

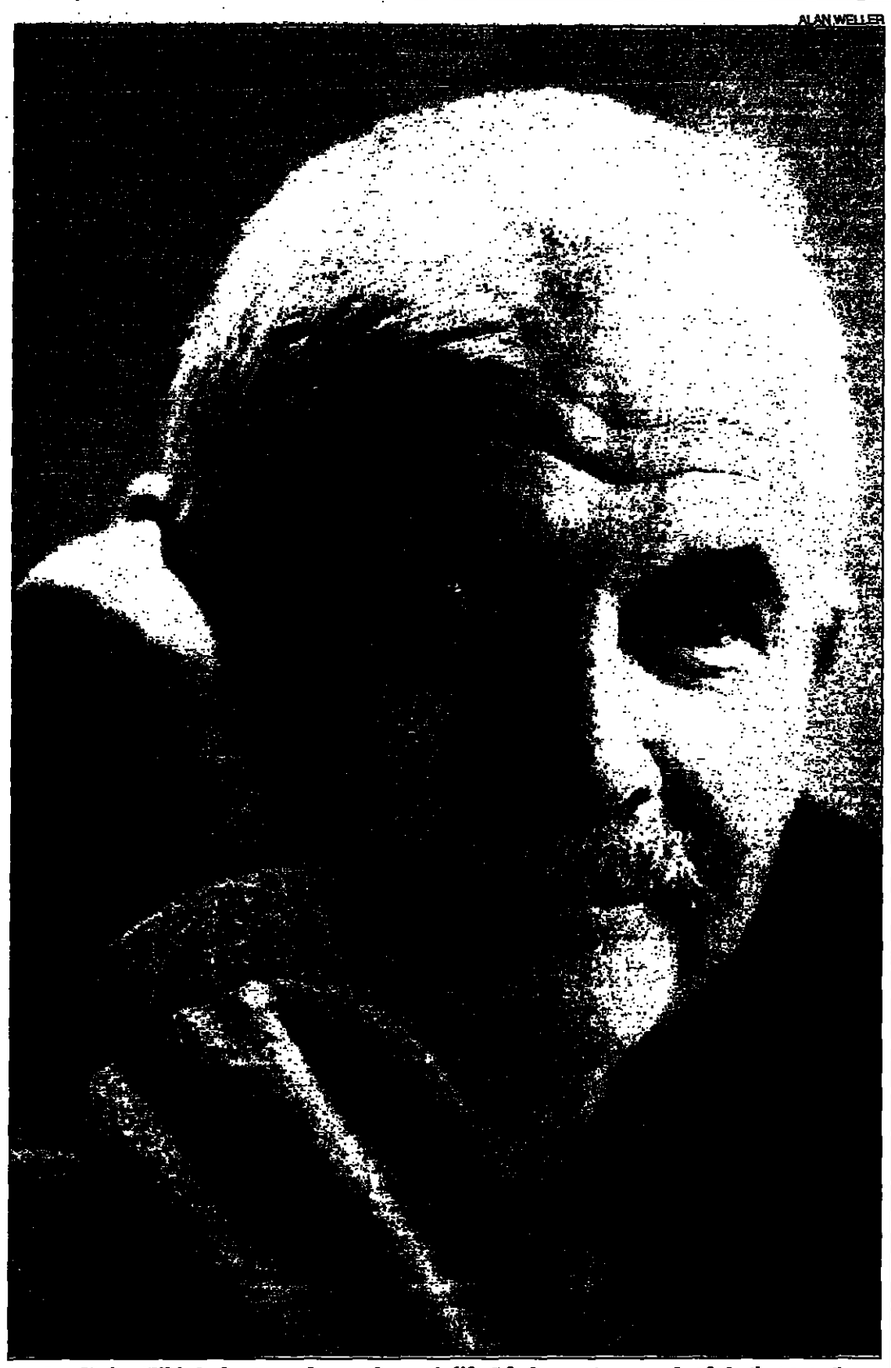
As a result, Holm's early cachet as a classical actor — he was the Fool to Charles Laughton's Lear and led Peter Hall's celebrated *Wars of the Roses* — gave way to international recognition as a screen character actor *par excellence*, whether as a fictionalised Lewis Carroll in *Dreamchild*, as Ruth Ellis's former lover in *Dance With a Stranger*, or as the coach in *Chariots of Fire*, for which he was nominated for an Oscar.

"This gap of 15 years, or whatever, has been kind of like learning another trade," he says. "I have been lucky in that I'm one of the few who made the transition between the two disciplines."

Not to mention the transition between acting styles, as he learnt while filming Woody Allen's *Another Woman*: "It wasn't even a question of, 'Hi, how are you?'. It was just straight into the first scene and then, 'It was really nice working with you,'" he says, recalling his American co-stars Sandy Dennis and Betty Buckley. "Betty and I did four takes, and she completely pulverised me; I guess it's a style of American behaviourism as opposed to English tradition."

Holm, by contrast, refuses to obsess himself with acting methods, or even the Method, adamant that "the majority of us in England find it very difficult to comment on a style of acting, and I've long since ceased to rationalise it." As evidence, Holm points to a crucial moment during the filming of *Alien* when he and John Hurt found themselves amid a "heavy mob" of Method-trained American thespians. "It was the day before the thing comes bursting out of John's stomach, and we thought to ourselves, we'll just go on the set and do it; that's a good summation of English acting. We tend not to take it that seriously. I do think you have to have a few laughs."

This autumn, Holm reappears on screen opposite Jeremy Irons in the film of *M. Butterfly* and as a raunchy priest — "It's quite a good part, actually" — in Leslie Megahey's *The Hour of the Pig*, with Colin Firth and Nicol Williamson. Following on his Fluellen in Kenneth Branagh's screen *Henry V*, Holm is set to join Branagh's forthcoming celluloid *Frankenstein*, alongside a long-time idol, Robert De Niro: "To even be in the same country as De Niro," Holm enthuses, adding with sheepish pride, "I'm told he quite liked my Richard III."



ALAN WELLER

Ian Holm: "This is due to my happy domestic life; I feel very strong and safe in that area."

But, for the time being, Holm finds himself quietly celebrating, not only an easeful return to the stage, but a tranquil domestic life with third wife, actress Penelope Wilton. (He has five children from his first two marriages, one of whom — 31-year-old Sarah-Jane, herself an actress — will see her father on stage for the first time in *Moonlight*.) "I'm absolutely convinced that my even seriously considering a return to the stage, a place that gave me so much horror, is due entirely to my happy domestic life, because I feel very strong and safe in that area." So can we expect more toe-dipping into the theatre? "The interesting point is to see what happens. I'm not saying that now I'm going to leap into Lear and Prospero and so on; but," he adds, slyly, "I might."

● Moonlight, *directed by David Leveaux and co-starring Anna Massey, begins previews at the Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404) on Thursday.*

ARTS BRIEFING

Kooky Cook tribute

IN THE avant-garde art world all eyes will be turned unexpectedly on Cleveland next month. On September 24, Middlesbrough unveils the sculpture it has commissioned from the USA-based artist Claes Oldenburg and his wife, Coosje van Bruggen, as a tribute to the town's most famous son, Captain James Cook. Oldenburg has certainly not been stingy with his concept: the great navigator will be celebrated by a 35ft-high bottle, entitled *A Bottle of Notes*. Fittingly, the enormous rolled-steel structure was put together by a local firm, Hawthorn Leslie, and covered with a skin representing script from Cook's journals. Twenty sponsors have contributed towards its £130,000 cost.

● ONE of the BBC's longest-running music programmes, Radio 2's *Friday Night is Music Night*, is celebrating its fortieth birthday in September. The occasion will be marked by a special anniversary concert on Friday, September 24, broadcast from the programme's regular home, the Golders Green Hippodrome in north London. The BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Barry Wordsworth, will play a specially commissioned piece, the "A to Z of 40 Years of Friday Night Music", along with classics from *Rigoletto*, the *Barber of Seville*, *Cabaret* and *Chorus Line*. First broadcast on the Light Programme in 1953, the show was created to "help people relax after the week's hard work and put them in the right mood for a happy weekend". Its time-honoured formula — brass bands, star singers, Broadway show tunes and glossy romantic film scores — has remained virtually unchanged.

Raising Nostromo

WHEN David Lean died in 1991, his long-awaited film of Joseph Conrad's *Nostromo*, which was just a few weeks away from shooting, died with him. Now the producer Serge Silberman has resurrected the project, though a new Christopher Hampton script has replaced Robert Bolt's original adaptation of Conrad's novel about political upheaval, greed and corruption in South America. Plans are afoot to shoot in Mexico, with Hugh Hudson directing; it will be his first film since the unsuccessful *Lost Angels* in 1989.

Star almost outshone

Hilary Finch enjoys a night of fine singing and faultless organisation

Luciano Pavarotti at last *really* sang for his supper, even if he and his management had decided that not a crumb of it this time would go to charity. Kent's Leeds Castle, after all, hath a pleasant seat (25,000 of them, to be precise, in this case) and for once it did not rain. For once, too, Pavarotti sang all of seven solos, two duets and five encores. For once, his tame flautist was absent, and in his place was the formidable American soprano, Cynthia Lawrence: a real co-star, not merely a supporting act.

Leeds Castle itself was dwarfed, and all but obliterated, by a Dracula's castle of a massive black stage, screens and lighting rig. The big screen advertising (for pesto and for porn, it seemed) was grotesque, the illuminated side-stalls redolent of a vast medieval fair.

But this was a good evening, faultlessly organised in terms of sheer human and vehicular flow and contra-flow; with a sound system that worked, with silhouetted flights of Canada geese which faithfully tracked the start and finish of each aria, and with a rosy sun which set and a silvery moon which rose.

The music made its own contribution, too. Leone Magiera conducted the Philharmonia Orchestra with admirable legerdemain: their own party pieces included the Overture to *I vespri Siciliani* and the Intermezzo from *Manon Lescaut*.



Luciano Pavarotti: On Sunday night he sang seven solos, two duets and five encores

The Philharmonia Chorus, lit in a fiery glow as if for *Il trovatore*'s anvil chorus, showed off its own fine tenors in "Va pensiero", and a brisk "Vieni o guerriero vindice" from *Aida*.

Lucky Luciano, as I have mentioned, had a noble sparring partner in Cynthia Lawrence, replacing the advertised Nuccia Focile. She looked for all the world like Dolly Parton, and sang with a voice of burnished and unflagging brilliance.

She was as capable of hurling out a succession of high notes straight to the bull's-eye as she was of steering phrases with firm muscle, and refining detail and dynamics rather more reliably than her colleague. Her anguished "My Man's Gone Now" from *Porgy and Bess* was the high point of the evening.

Pavarotti himself had, it seemed, learnt or re-learnt two new arias for the evening. His eyes carefully tracked the music in Mascagni's "La Serenata" and Leoncavallo's "Mattinata", both of which were all the more interesting because of his close attention.

For the rest, he moved from the comparatively safe regions of *Turandot*'s "Non piangere Liù", through solos and duets from *La Bohème*, and on to a convincingly heart-rending filial farewell in "Addio alla madre" from *Cavalleria rusticana*.

Two of his five all-time favourite encores were provided by *La traviata*'s "Libiamo", the second a singalong version, in which 25,000 lusty and loving voices bonded themselves with their hero before yet another long goodbye.

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** saddles up for a western mini-series

Quite at home on the range

Lonesome Dove
BBC 1

It was from television westerns, of course, that many of us had our first lessons in dramatic irony. "I will marry yew as soon as I reeturn from San Antone, or my name ain't Jake Jakeson, so help me," somebody would say, before whipping his horse and galloping out of the corral in a blaze of dust.

At home we would look at each other and purse our lips. "That's Jake Jakeson for the chop, then," said Mum, without looking up from the ironing board. "Sure is," we chimed, chewing imaginary baccy and whittling an imaginary stick.

Lonesome Dove (BBC 1) brings such moments to mind not because it is corny (it isn't, it's wonderful) but because somehow the moo and hee-ah! sound of a cattle drive on primetime television triggers thoughts that lie too deep for tears. If only my Dad had lived to see it. Six hours (over four nights) of epic trail-driving, shooting, searching, loving and leaving, topped off with feisty Texas Ranger grey-beard heroes (played by Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones) — well, little short of having Rooster Cogburn to Christmas dinner would compare.

Apparently, when *Lonesome Dove* was first shown in the United States (it was made in 1988), it was thought to herald a new era for the western, but the hope proved unfounded. So this is it. So watch. It gets better and better.

The only peculiar thing about this clever story and script (based on Larry McMurtry's novel) is the presence of a sinister half-breed named Blue Duck — somehow it is hard to take seriously a character who sounds like a toilet cleanser. Elsewhere, however, everything is well-nigh perfect. One longs to know what will happen next, and one watches amazed while these unfamiliar characters evolve into icons before one's eyes.

Duvall is Gus McCrae, a virile, bandy, white-haired man in vest and braces who observes bemused while other people work, befriends pigs ("Hey, git, you pigs!"), elaborately wipes his moustache before kissing a lady, and regularly exercises his excellent turn of phrase. Welcoming a saloon-bar pianist to the cattle drive, he says, "Well, we got two Irishmen and a bunch of addle-brained cowboys. I guess we could always use a man that wears a chamberpot on his head."

Being an epic, *Lonesome Dove* naturally involves lots of people, and a geographic sweep. Going north to Montana with Gus and the beef (moo! hee-ah!), we've got Gus's long-time partner Woodrow F. Call (Tommy Lee Jones), the various men in their employ (including young Newt, Call's disowned natural son); then there's Lorena the blonde whore, with gambler Jake Spoon (friend of Gus, but all-round "leaky vessel").

At the end of last night's episode, an Irish boy was killed by a swarm of snakes in a river. But it was a blessing really, his accent was awful.

Meanwhile, travelling from Arkansas to Texas is July (that's "Jew-lie") Johnson, a lugubrious sheriff riding with his tiny stepson Joe, searching halfheartedly for Jake, who accidentally shot a dentist. Unknown to July, his pregnant wife Elmira is heading for Nebraska in the company of dangerous hillbilly idiots in sepia rags.

Only in Episode Three does anybody actually exclaim, "Small world!". But you can bet that coincidence plays its part vigorously in the nights to come.

And meanwhile the scary, long-haired Blue Duck (Frederic Forrest) awaits his turn in Episode Two (tonight at 9.30pm!). And believe me, his performance casts all thoughts of Sanilav from one's mind.



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression
Assembly Hall, The Mound. *Grey Granite*, tonight, 7.30pm. All three parts performed next Saturday, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

DAWN UPSHAW: The celebrated American soprano reveals the range of her repertoire by performing songs by Debussy and Copland, as well as Goethe settings by Schubert, Schumann and Wolf. Pianist Margo Garrett accompanies her
Queen's Hall, Clark Street, today, 11am. Festival box office as before.

THE SOLDIERS The Glasgow Citizens Company revives this strangely modern play by the 18th-century theatrical visionary Jakob Lenz, which draws from Lenz's own personal experience of garrison morality. Later this week two other Lenz plays will be given "rehearsed readings" at the Royal Lyceum by the Gate Theatre Company from London
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street, 7.30pm. Festival box office as before

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Pippa Wielgos

SOUTH WEST GERMAN RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: In its second concert the orchestra performs Mahler's Symphony No 7 and is joined by the celebrated pianist Alfred Brendel for Schoenberg's Piano Concerto. Michael Gielen conducts
USHER HALL, Lothian Road, 8pm. Festival box office as before

THE WAKING DREAM: Drawn from the peerless Gilman Paper Company Collection, this exhibition traces the first century of photography, from Fox Talbot to Man Ray
City Art Centre, Market Street, 10am-8pm. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

THE UGLY MAN: Brad Fraser's new play, performed by the One Yellow Rabbit company, is a weird modern adaptation of Middleton's *The Changeling*. Not nearly as good as his excellent *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love*, seen in London and Edinburgh last season, but still worth a look.
Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 3223). 7pm.

BURNING BRIGHT: Damien Grey, artistic director of New York's Workhouse Theatre Company, has adapted Steinbeck's novel about a foolish man and his unfaithful wife. Claimed as a premiere, although some recall a play based on the same book in the 1950s
Randolph Studio, 13 Randolph Place (031-225 5366). 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: The Cenci, Shelley's only stage play, deals with patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy. Here revived by *Damned Poets Theatre Company* for the Shelley bicentenary.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) Mon to Sat 7.30pm.

LONDON. In the second of its two **Proms**, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra plays Brahms's Second Piano Concerto and Mendelssohn's incidental music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. John Lill is the piano soloist. *Kurt Masur* conducts.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ARCADIA** *Tom Stoppard in* sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins Ⓢ

☑ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in Los Angeles and the world of the private eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☑ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins Ⓢ

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9645). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **HAIR** The Age of Aquarius dawns again in another Sobes revival. Michael Bogdanov directs a new version for the Nineties
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1. (071-928-7616). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 14, 7pm. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Fri and Sat 4pm.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester and Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by maternal success
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tonight, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins Ⓢ.

☐ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS.** Stan Thomas and Desmond Barrit star in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. Puzzling but a must for fans. Directed by William Gaskill.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noel Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **ROMEO AND JULIET** So-so performance in Judi Dench's production. Decent crowd scenes
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 8pm mats, Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES** Peter Bowles and Pamela Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of one of Terence Rattigan's biggest West End successes
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins Ⓢ.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD.** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded Hollywood star in Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest success. Less cynical than the original Billy Wilder film but a thrilling occasion nevertheless. Trevor Nunn directs the superb staging.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Stephen Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins. Ⓢ

☐ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet pioneering Shakespeare comedy of the battle of the sexes. With Amanda Harris and Anton Lesser.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891) Ⓢ. Tonight and tomorrow 7.15pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☑ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☑ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) **Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☑ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ☑ **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ **Miss Saigon**, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **On The Piste** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ☑ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**, Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

BENNY'S VIDEO Excellent, chilling study of one adolescent's warped life, from German director Michael Haneke.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15)' Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915 683)

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING *(PG)* Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse. Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM** Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **MGM** Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET (15) *Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New* York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353)

PERFORMANCE (18) Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell's trailblazing psychodrama, filmed in 1968, still looks exciting. With James Fox, Mick Jagger and many other luminaries
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

LE SAMOURAI (PG)' Downfall of an ivy-haired killer, played by Alain Delon. Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967, now re-released
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15) Love tangles among the Paris chattering classes, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast, including Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG). A perfect coffee table book of a film. It offers a visually imaginative survey of the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18) *Smart* sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast led by Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna and Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

EL MARIACHI (15) Musician and hitman get confused in Mexican border town. Enjoyable action romp from new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 5614B) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12). Yet another wearisome spoof of the Rambo school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges, Valeria Golino and (very briefly) Rowan Atkinson. Endless crude jokes about Saddam Hussein are beginning to wear thin. Directed by Jim Abrahams.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** . (071-792 3809)

LAWS OF GRAVITY *(18)* A film about the lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets, raw, violent and with semi-improvised dialogue — but also plenty of power. This is a first feature from the writer-director Nick Gomez, and made on practically no budget at all. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short entitled Phone.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043)

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): A welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's wartime classic, made in the shadow of Occupation — a three-hour blockbuster that is a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. It stars Arletty and Jean-Louis Barrault, and Pierre Brasseur, and now has a sparkling new print with a restored soundtrack.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE VANISHING (12). Forget Hollywood's lame and anodyne remake: go and see this splendid Dutch original version of George Sluizer's taut thriller about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

ROCK: **Adrian Deevoy** weathers onstage storms and tented tantrums at a festival

Reading '93
Reading, Berks

JULIAN HERBERT



Zack de la Rocha from Rage Against The Machine, who succeeded with a "molten coalition of rap, heavy metal and sheer bombastic anger"

Crowds kept warm by the ire

WHETHER or not **Porno For Pyros** mouthpiece Perry Farrell, with his "Hello London!", intended to make such a geographically suspect declaration was open to debate. The response it solicited, however, as his band headlined Reading '93's first evening was one of vociferous displeasure rapidly followed by a mass, vote-with-feet audience exodus.

Unhappily for the hotly tipped Californian combo, this was the only notable aspect of a poor, often embarrassing, set. The introduction of two strippers engaging in complex sexual procedures had done little to endear them to a crowd already more than a touch disgruntled by Farrell's incomprehensible twixt-song babble.

Porno For Pyros' other principal problem was that they had been preceded on the main stage by **Rage Against The Machine**, whose molten coalition of rap, heavy metal and sheer bombastic anger showed Farrell's gang up as the dull performers they indisputably are. Quite why Rage Against The Machine were quite so furious was anyone's guess: was it universal hatred and blind injustice that got their goat, or had they just paid £2.40 for a pint of backstage lager? Either way, they were really cross about something and their blood-boiling energy was spilling from the stage by the unhygienic bucket-load.

Glowering out into the darkness, rapper Zack de la Rocha paced back and forth like a particularly impatient panther, issuing his hammer-headed refrains with an ever-increasing intensity. A sparse, apocalyptic blues, during which every large corporation on the planet seemed to get it in the neck, concluded a stunningly powerful rant-athon.

Earlier in the afternoon, **Babes In Toyland** had kick-started the festival in a grungily glamorous fashion, although this underscored the fact that there was not much else to get excited about during Friday.

On paper, Saturday's lineup looked even less promising. On parched, arable farmland, however, it worked a little better. **Therapy?** romped home with the medals, having pumped out 50 minutes and as many gallons of undiluted adrenalin. The Belfast three-piece produced an awesome sound, not unlike a dentist setting to work on your cavities with a road drill. Yet, beneath the shuddering sonic slabs lay a neat collection of highly contagious melodies. Violently over-driven songs entitled "Accelerator" and "Screamager" piled up like a particularly gruesome yet somehow exhilarating car crash.

Following their luke-warm-up at the Clapham Grand, **Siouxsie and the Banshees** showcased a more convincing but still disconcertingly unfamiliar portfolio. "We're not going to play a greatest hits set," announced Siouxsie stubbornly. "We won't treat you like Muppets." Judging by the cool reaction to this selfish sentiment, the Muppet contingent were out in force.

Topping the Saturday night bill, **The The** opened up impressively with a slow-burning and potent "Infected". Singer Matt Johnson's voice has matured into a rich soul baritone and Johnny Marr — considerably better nourished than in his days as a streamlined Smith — added endless new dimensions to the group's previously slender sound.

Contemporaneously playing in the smaller *Melody Maker* marquee — where bands with a more specialised fanbase operated — **Blur**, with their disarming enthusiasm and Damon Albarn's dry white whine, brought a touch of warmth to a night which Matt Johnson had previously pronounced, with the lyrical precision for which he is so admired, "bleeding freezing".

If Reading '93 had one memorable moment, it was the **Lemonheads'** Evan Dando skipping from the wings in a cotton summer frock, his long hair in two Shirley Temple bunches. This was swiftly trumped by 80 minutes of simply superb pop music. Dando's sweetly crafted three-minute jewels, including "Alison's Starting To Happen", "My Drug Buddy" and the freshly-composed "Down About It" and "Big Gay Heart" simultaneously brought to mind the Byrds, Elvis Costello and vintage Kinks. One suspects, in time to come, that the 26-year-old Bostonian's own songwriting will be as inspirational and celebrated.

Dinosaur Jnr's Sunday-evening decision to air their grunge classic "Freak Scene" was joyously received. Few of the genre's songs — Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" apart — capture the shoulder-shrugging nihilism of the Seattle movement as eloquently. Cranked out at considerable G-force, J. Mascis's madly spiralling guitar coda was a delirious and wonderful thing.

New Order closed the festival, shrouded by the rumour that this might be their farewell concert. Admittedly, the routinely dour quartet were in spritely spirits, but such a large percentage of their allegedly live music seemed to be pre-recorded that it would have broken few hearts if they had tearfully retired before the encores and let the machines finish the job. But all was forgiven when the timeless clatter of "Blue Monday" filled the barren Berkshire field and the casually attired campers could once again be truthfully described as happy.

PROM: **Noel Goodwin**

Vivid scene-painting

London Classical Players/ Norrington
Albert Hall/Radio 3

A WELCOME reminder that Vivaldi was not the only composer of *The Seasons* was vouchsafed by the Proms performance of Haydn's lengthy oratorio with that title. Sung in Baron van Swieten's German text (which actually derived from an English poem by the 18th-century James Thomson), it was composed not so much in the autumn as the winter of Haydn's career, when he was approaching 70 but still in masterly control of his musical resources.

Roger Norrington's batonless, flicker-fingered conducting obtained a limpid, spring-heeled performance with his period-style band, the London Classical Players, and the 35-strong Schütz Choir of London that he also founded. The charm and vitality that it communicated made a good case for revising the accepted view that Haydn was less successfully repeating the formula of *The Creation* three years earlier.

For one thing, his skill at tone-painting was undimmed, from bees and frogs to an elemental thunderstorm with no more percussion than a pair of timpani, and a wonderfully descriptive autumn hunt for which the four natural-horn players here were encouraged to stand up and wear festive headgear while they sounded their excited tantivvies. Oboe and fortepiano also made distinctive contributions.

The chorus was few in numbers for some of Haydn's grander gestures, but the singers lacked nothing in spirit and tonal assurance, ensuring that their various accounts of drinking, hunting and spinning were filled with character, and Haydn's ironic fugue on the virtues of honest toil was brought off with clarity of line and rhythmic flair.

As in *The Creation* there are roles for three soloists, of whom Christiane Oelze from Cologne embued the pastoral Hannah with a fresh-toned soprano of lyric charm, not least in her autumn love-duet with the nicely poised tenor of John Mark Ainsley as the peasant Lucas. Farmer Simon featured a warm and attractively flexible bass from Gerald Finley, whose wistful contemplation on man's own seasons of life in the aria "Erblicke hier" near the end was a moment of revealing introspection after all the bucolic scene-painting.

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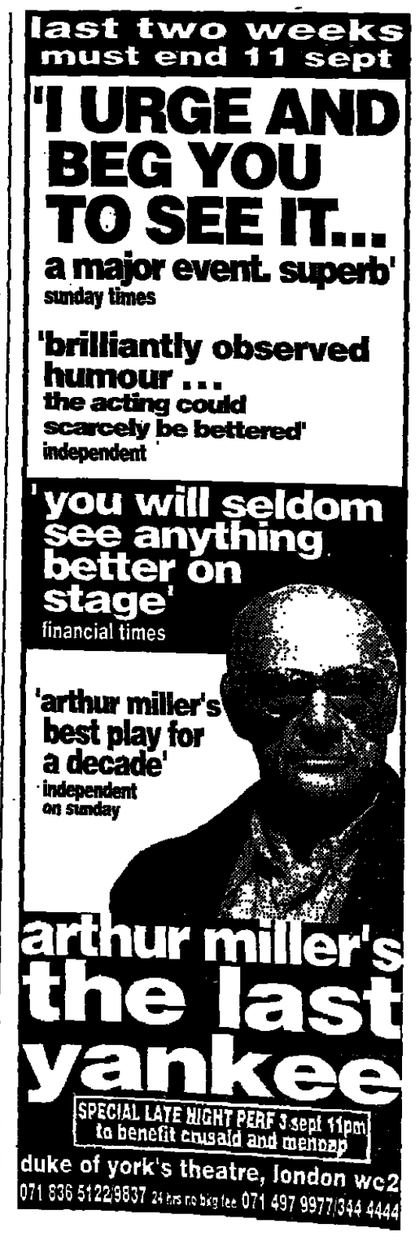
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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: A triumph for the Canadian Opera Company; plus dance, theatre and music


TOM KIDD

Jane Gilbert and Victor Braun in Robert Lepage's staging of Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle*: in a Symbolist drama such as this, Lepage's literal presentation can be very effective

Straight to the dramatic point

The double bill which marks the operatic debut of the director Robert Lepage is the sensation of the festival, writes **Gerald Larner**

Bluebeard's Castle/ Erwartung
Playhouse

A double-bill of one-act pieces by Bartók and Schoenberg — one for two voices, the other for only one — is not the most likely source of operatic excitement at an international festival. But, in spite of revelatory concert performances of early Verdi and early Janáček, the Canadian Opera Company's production of *Bluebeard's Castle* and *Erwartung* is the major sensation in Edinburgh this year.

Unfortunately, after only two performances at the Playhouse, it has been and gone by now. It is more than likely, however, that British companies will be falling over themselves in their efforts either to buy the production or to invite Robert Lepage to direct whatever else he would care to nominate.

Well known in the theatre, not least on the South Bank for his wet and muddy staging of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Lepage is a newcomer to opera. He is clearly not, on the other hand, a newcomer to music: his treatment of both works — but particularly that of **Bluebeard's Castle**, which he presents straight, without attempting to interpret it — is unfailingly responsive to the score.

He makes one or two mistakes: the first two or three doors in Bluebeard's castle, for example, are positioned so near the back of the stage that Judith is overwhelmed by the orchestral sound that pours out when she opens them and has difficulty in making her reactions heard. But the image of Judith and Bluebeard trapped at the vanishing point in the exaggerated perspective of Michael Levine's design, where a stone wall on one side and a row of seven doors on the other converge on a narrow grille, is worth the loss of a few notes.

The stature of Bartók's music is in no way diminished. Indeed, when the door opens on Bluebeard's empire, its vastness amply suggested by a projection of clouds racing across the opposite wall and by the might of the antiphonal brass, this is confirmed as one of the great moments in opera.

As for the pool of tears revealed by the sixth door, it is there on the stage as well as in the muffled arpeggios in the orchestra. Judith has to wade through it to open the seventh door and the three former wives actually emerge from under the water, their blood-red wedding dresses dripping heavily as they cross the stage.

It is as literal a presentation as few of the opera directors who swelled the audience would consider intellectually respectable. But in a Symbolist drama such as this, where the real action is in the dark recesses of Bluebeard's psyche, it can be profoundly effective.

Of course it needs lighting as imaginative as Robert Thompson's, conducting as inspired as Richard Bradshaw's, and performances as substantial as those of Jane Gilbert and Victor Braun — a young and beautiful Judith, voluptuous in voice but disciplined in line, and a failing Bluebeard who appears to crumble under the pressure of her personality but who never actually loses his authority.

The interpretation of Schoenberg's "monodrama" **Erwartung** is quite different. Taking the hint perhaps from the fact that Marie Pappenhim's libretto is based (as the programme puts it) "on the elliptical, resonant language of patients under psychoanalysis", Lepage sets it not in the forest prescribed by the text but in a mental institution.

The solitary female protagonist, confined at first in a straitjacket, is observed throughout by a doctor taking notes while silent actors move with uncanny weightlessness through her fantasies, or memories, or whatever they are. As her mind lurches through the events associated with her breakdown, the set — just the one wall surviving from *Bluebeard's Castle* — appears at one point to turn on its side.

Again there is literalness. The "white arm" of her imagined rival is seen to beckon her lover from the window of a house which then turns inside out to reveal the infidelity she fears. At the same time there is a multiplicity of suggestions, among them the implication that she herself killed the lover whose naked body eventually rolls down the raked stage into the pool at the bottom.

It is a pity that, as in *Bluebeard* — where, however, the manoeuvre is justified by the music — Lepage takes the easy way out and returns at the end to the image he presented at the beginning: there is no such symmetry in a score which, far from imposing a construction on events, simply reacts to them. But again there is no loss of musical effect, thanks once more to the fine detail in the playing of the orchestra under Bradshaw's direction and, this time, to the fearless performance of Rebecca Blankenship, who treats Schoenberg's vocal line not as if it had been sent to try her but as the unquestionably natural expression of her predicament.

Short, sharp and hooked on fame

THEATRE: A waspish and intriguing author reincarnated in a one-man show

The Truman Capote Talkshow
Assembly Rooms

"A VERY, very strange American writer, very, very weird. He writes strange things. He's very well known," explained the lady behind me to her neighbour, though Truman Capote is evidently not well enough known for news of his demise in 1984 to have filtered through. His death was described as a good career move by Gore Vidal — "if anyone still knows who that is," as Capote contemptuously remarks to us.

At first glance, in hat, scarf and glasses, he resembles Elton John. Bob Kingdom's reincarnation in this 90-minute one-man show later settles down to looking like Dylan Thomas, a reminder of the actor's runaway success as the Welsh poet in previous Edinburgh festivals and around the world.

If his pudgy features lack the ultimate owlishness of the diminutive author of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *In Cold Blood*, Kingdom makes a hugely entertaining figure of camp, lisping waspishness. He is hampered by the Capote estate's refusal to allow quotation from the works, but the portrayal is refreshingly free of the hagiographic tact that so often clogs the scissors-and-paste sycophancy of shows about real people.

If anything, Capote emerges as even more intriguing than his works suggest. His divorced mother, a tarty alcoholic, dragged the child around seedy hotels before he was farmed out to elderly cousins, a brood of Alabama Baptists. Here he came under the spell of a dotty (female) sexagenarian who would dress him as "the belle of the ball". From then on he never looked back, or indeed quite straight ahead.

There follows his initiation as copy-boy on the *New Yorker* with scandalous vignettes of James Thurber and Robert Frost, "two of the meanest, rudest men I'd ever met". His first book *Other Voices, Other Rooms* led to instant fame: London with Cecil Beaton, Paris with Sartre and de Beauvoir (loved it, hated him and her), and the addiction to adulation, fame and notoriety which would prove as fatal as any other narcotic.

Sad, shrewd reflections on the price of celebrity ("the only person you put down is yourself") pinpoint the all-engulfing loneliness, the decline into regular booze and drying out spells, the embarrassingly befuddled chat show appearances. Capote/Kingdom gives telling glimpses of the fallen idols whom he knew personally — Marilyn, Elvis, Dorothy Parker.

All entertaining stuff; though someone should have explained to Capote, or possibly Bob Kingdom, the reason for his long lamented lack of a Pulitzer Prize. Much as Dorothy Parker's girls with glasses miss out on passes, Pulitzers are not given to vandals who wear socks with sandals.

MARTIN HOYLE



Bob Kingdom's portrait of Truman Capote is free of the hagiographic tact that can mar shows about real people

Moved by a great sadness

DANCE: A beautiful, tender programme of work by a visiting American company

Bill T. Jones/ Arnie Zane Dance Company
King's Theatre

"LAST time I was here must have been eight years ago," says Bill T. Jones in his solo *Last Night On Earth*. "The castle is the same, the breakfasts are the same, the tourists are the same. I am different."

Jones has always favoured dancing with monologues; he is, as always, tall and black, with a wonderful graphic clarity to his gestures and movement. But he is now without Arnie Zane, his short and white companion, with whom he started as a dance duo. Zane died of Aids in 1988 and Jones still mourns him.

The programme presented by the 11-strong Bill T. Jones /Arnie Zane Dance Company was beautiful, tender and filled with a lingering sadness. In *Last Night On Earth* a Weill-Brecht song speaks of a warship that acts as both a weapon of destruction and a ghostly freight-carrier, bearing away dead souls to far-off seas. In *Soon* another Weill song tells us "love is pure gold and time a thief" because "the curtain descends, everything ends too soon"; and as one dancer sinks to the ground, so his partner retreats into the distance, their bond dissolving into memory.

Soon consists of five duets that can be performed, as in Edinburgh, by one pair (Arthur Aviles and Eric Geiger) or shared between two. Its import is universal as well as personal, with expressions of nostalgia, love and explicit sexuality. The duet to Bessie Smith singing "Reckless Blues" is a choreographed coupling. The one to "Blue Spirit Blues" has Aviles transformed into a sinister figure hovering over Geiger's prone body: an image perhaps of today's fatal virus, echoing Bessie Smith's lyrics about the devil and "brimstone blood".

A humanity glows in Jones's work, even in such a fantastical, mysterious piece as *Fête*, where the dancers cavort in ruffs and ruffles. Medieval mummers or modern circus-artists? Each is individual, like Lawrence Goldhuber, who outstrips everyone in height and girth, and Sean Curran, a camp jester in false breasts and head-dress.

Curran cannot stop fussing and flitting because when he does he comes face to face with himself. This is what happens in *Speeding and Tantrum*, a solo choreographed separately by Curran (the evening's only non-Jones piece) but presented as the perfect epilogue to *Fête*. Stripped of his disguise, pathetically vulnerable in his nakedness and aloneness, Curran whizzes about the stage, fleeing from the implacable, pursuing spotlight; he is a frightened rabbit, the performer terrified of exposure.

All the company are tremendous, with a wholehearted way of throwing themselves into movement, and some beautiful looking women. Everyone needs to be versatile, to cope with a language that fuses natural movement, modern dance and the tumbling, gymnastic partnering of Contact Improvisation. The style reaches its apotheosis with *D-man In the Waters*, set to Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat major (performed live by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra). It is plotless, evolving in boundlessly imaginative patterns and motifs; yet watching the interplay of the dancers, the threads of poetry and sly touches of humour, you feel that the whole world is there. Its finale, a dazzling cascade of dancers ending with Aviles thrown high into the air, is overwhelming.

NADINE MEISNER

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Bill T. Jones: a wonderful graphic clarity to his gestures

MUSIC: A flawed new trumpet concerto

Purely a question of too much faith?

Philharmonia/ Slatkin
Usher Hall

IT IS time that James MacMillan did something really sinful. Impeccable in its sources of inspiration, his music is also patently sincere in its expression. If he doubts the purity of his motives, as he did at an early stage in the composition of *The Confession of Isobel Gowdie*, he makes his work an act of contrition; if he finds no compassion in what he is doing, as in his collaboration with Iain Heggie on *Tourist Variations*, he mortifies the musical flesh. More often than not his scores take on a religious dimension, weaving words from the Latin Mass into the text, or intervals from plainsong into the melodic material.

All that has to do with who MacMillan is, of course, and what moves him: there can be no argument against it. But there is a danger that unless he makes a deliberate effort to break away from the Roman liturgy — as I suspect he did in his Sinfonietta — his music will become as firmly locked in it as Tavener's is anchored in Orthodoxy.

His latest work, *Epiclesis*, is a study in the doctrine of transubstantiation, the process symbolised by the transformation of one musical substance into another. It is not in itself an inartistic idea. But *Epiclesis* is also a trumpet concerto, commissioned by the Philharmonia for John Wallace, and on that level it does not work.

The major issue in the new score, the interaction of violent material on the one hand and Gregorian plainsong on the other, is solved by the orchestra — most captivatingly when, in a period of calm, the plainsong emerges on bowed vibraphones and double bass harmonics. The trumpet in the meantime witters on in an elaborately detailed but curiously ineffective commentary.

It is not until it is all over except for the celebration, when the soloist puts down the standard instrument and picks up a piccolo trumpet, that the concerto seems to start. But it does not last long: in a theatrical gesture, the trumpeter applies a mute and walks off the platform, as though he has been upstaged for long enough.

It could be that this first performance failed to put the relationship between the soloist and the orchestra in perspective. But John Wallace's playing was surely authentic and Leonard Slatkin's conducting was surely sympathetic: in two concerts with the Philharmonia in the Usher Hall Slatkin has directed three works by MacMillan, finding apposite programme partners for them — Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony to go with the nasty shock in MacMillan's Sinfonietta, Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* to match the violence of *The Confession of Isobel Gowdie* — and, in the ones we know already, has had a notable success.

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Are vigilantes criminals, too?

As the police are swamped by a tide of crime, is there any justification for taking the law into your own hands?

David Conn reports



Diane Osborne (left) lost her husband, Robert (top right), when he was killed by a youth he was chasing. Duncan Bond and Mark Chapman (above) lost their liberty when they kidnapped a youth they suspected of burglary

The debate about law and order is being increasingly overshadowed by the emergence of vigilantes. Their actions have focused public attention on the rising crime rate and raised serious questions about the police and the criminal justice system.

The term "vigilante" has been applied to a variety of incidents, from the kidnapping of local youths suspected of crime in Norfolk and Teesside, to the hiring of private security companies for street patrols in Bristol and Wigan.

At the end of September, Sedgefield District Council in Durham is due to launch its own security service, to support the overworked local police. Superintendent Paul West of Durham police, responsible for liaising with the council, says: "The demands on the police are outstripping our ability to cope."

Tony Judge, head of policy at the Police Federation, describes true vigilantes as "gangs of thugs with clubs and balaclavas" who are taking it upon themselves to mete out rough "justice" to suspected local criminals. Incidents have been reported in Bolton, Bradford, Merseyside and Swansea. According to Mr Judge, a "remarkable drop" in the number of criminal prosecutions has "given vigilantes a chance to indulge in the kind of conduct they say they are against". In the case of the so-called "Norfolk Two", Duncan Bond and Mark Chapman reacted to the third break-in of Mr Bond's premises by kidnapping a local youth, Gavin Last, they suspected of the crime and threatening him. The two were sentenced to five years' imprisonment, prompting a local protest campaign which received nationwide support. In June, their sentences were reduced on appeal to six months.

Alison Niemtus, one of the campaign organisers, scoffs at the term vigilantes, describing Mr Bond as "like any other person who got to the end of his tether". In his judgment, Lord Taylor warned against individuals taking the law into their own hands, which he said would lead to a breakdown in law and order.

The rush of vigilante cases over the summer months has touched a raw nerve with the public and exposed concern that the police and the courts cannot cope with the rising levels of crime. More than 5.5 million notifiable offences were recorded by the police in 1992, an increase of 60 per cent since 1988. In London, while reported crime in 1992-93 remained at a similar level to the previous year, the number of arrests fell by 15 per cent.

Mr Judge believes that part of the problem is low morale among the police, who criticise the Crown Prosecution Service for dropping too many cases, and the courts for being too lenient in sentencing. "Some police officers feel that arresting people is not worth the effort." Mr Judge describes vigilantes as "a cancer".

With civilians increasingly becoming involved in crime prevention, it raises a question mark over their powers of arrest. Fiona Fairweather, senior lecturer in law at the University of East London and author of *Police Powers*, describes the power laid down in section 24 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act as "very risky".

A citizen's arrest is only lawful if the suspect is subsequently convicted of the crime. If the suspect is acquitted, the citizen's arrest is unlawful and the arrester may be liable to a civil charge such as assault. "I would never recommend a citizen's arrest," says Ms Fairweather. "People should leave it to the police."

Other issues highlighted in recent cases involve the levels of force permitted in preventing crime or in self-defence. According to Anne Rafferty QC, a crown court recorder and a leading criminal barrister, if a person genuinely believes they are under threat, they may use reasonable force. "It is for the jury to decide whether the force used was 'reasonable' in response to the perceived threat."

> 'All 2,000 letters of sympathy were from people fed up with the justice system'

Ms Rafferty prosecuted Joseph Elliott, who was controversially acquitted in July of the murder of Robert Osborne. Mr Osborne had picked up a hammer and chased Mr Elliott after allegedly seeing him slashing car tyres. Mr Osborne's wife Diane told the court that they had called the police on two previous occasions, but they had not been effective.

Detective Inspector Frank Sole, of Streatham police, comments: "You have to put it in perspective. There were 3,200 vehicle crimes last year in Streatham alone. When we receive a call and there are no witnesses or suspects, there's not a lot we can do."

Mr Elliott claimed that Mr Osborne was about to hit him with the hammer, and that he stabbed him in self-defence. The jury acquitted him; the verdict provoking national outrage. Diane Osborne has received more than 2,000 letters of sympathy and support. "All the letters are from people fed up with the justice system," she says.

Some solicitors have raised the possibility of negligence actions against the police if they fail to visit the scene of a crime or investigate effectively. According to barristers Richard Clayton QC and Hugh Tomlinson QC, authors of *Civil Actions Against Police*, the police are immune from a claim of negligence in the investigation of crime. This results from a decision in a case brought against the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire by the mother of one of the Yorkshire Ripper's victims, Susan Hill. However, in other areas, such as their response to calls, the police are potentially liable.

A spokesman for the Home Office points out that schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Special Constables provide citizens with legal opportunities to be involved in crime prevention. "Be vigilant, not vigilante," is the government's advice. However, with public concern about law and order growing, there is pressure for a stronger response.

The doubting of Justice Thomas

A bitter legacy from the case of a president's controversial judge

In July 1991, President George Bush nominated Clarence Thomas to fill a vacancy on the United States Supreme Court. During televised hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee that October, Professor Anita Hill, who had worked for Judge Thomas many years earlier, accused him of sexual harassment, which he denied. After an acrimonious debate, the Senate approved the nomination by 52 votes to 48. Justice Thomas remains a member of the Supreme Court.

The nomination and doubting of Judge Thomas raised, in painful and ironic form, issues of race and sex which so polarise America.

Judge Thomas is a black conservative, who, not least because of his race, was nominated to the Supreme Court by a president opposed to any positive discrimination. The accusations by Professor Hill, a black lawyer, were considered and rejected by a Senate composed almost exclusively of white men.



DAVID PANNICK

Yet having a reputation for criticising blacks for blaming misfortunes on the colour of their skin, the judge's response to Professor Hill's sexual harassment accusations was to portray himself as a victim of a "hi-tech lynching for uppity blacks".

The case for Clarence Thomas was most vociferously argued by senators who three decades earlier were fighting the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

The wounds inflicted on America have been reopened by two recently published books. *Race-ing Justice, En-Gendering Power: Essays on Anita Hill, Clarence Thomas, and the Construction of Social Reality* (Chatto & Windus, £12.99) contains a series of essays edited by Toni Morrison. *The Real Anita Hill: The Untold Story*, by David Brock (The Free Press, Macmillan, £18.95), does what the Senate failed properly to do: the author carefully investigates the facts behind Professor Hill's complaints.

By far the best essay in the Morrison collection is the powerful open letter to Judge Thomas from Judge Higginbotham of the United States Court of Appeals. He reminds Judge Thomas that, but for affirmative action programmes which he now opposed and the efforts of civil liberties organisations whose powers and funding he now sought to curtail, he would never have enjoyed an education and a career which had led him to high office, or the other social advantages (such as the right to live with his white wife and to eat in public restaurants) which he now took for granted.

The essays are interesting, even for readers who doubt Mr Morrison's theses — shared by most of the contributors — that the Thomas saga concerned "deeper, more ancient secrets of male bonding and the demonising of females who contradict them" and that had the nominee been white, "rather than any need for 'proof', the slightest possibility that [the allegation] was publicly verifiable would have nullifed the candidacy".

None of the essays even contemplates the possibility that such a test might have been unfair to the nominee.

All of the essays are hostile to Justice Thomas, and many are written in a sociological jargon that conceals rather than illuminates meaning.

Homi K. Bhabha goes so far as to suggest that: "Anita Hill must be believed, not because she was personally speaking the truth, but because her affective language is symptomatic of the collective 'sexual' condition of working women."

Mr Brock applies to the accusations the standards of evidentiary proof which are essential, in this context as in others, for the protection of the rights and reputations of those who are accused of wrongdoing.

As he demonstrates, the lack of basic integrity of some of those senators, lobbyists, journalists and lawyers supporting Professor Hill allowed them to deliberately conceal and then misstate any facts which stood in the way of their politically correct theories.

The issue is not whether sexual harassment is a serious matter (it is), but whether it occurred in the case of Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill.

Mr Brock clearly demonstrates that Professor Hill misrepresented or suppressed relevant facts, in particular her political opposition to Judge Thomas, her employment history, and the extent to which she continued to seek professional advice and assistance from him after ceasing to work for him.

There are no workplace colleagues who perceived Anita Hill to be a victim of adverse treatment. Indeed, at the time the harassment was alleged to have occurred, she positively sought more professional contact with Judge Thomas.

It is well established that those guilty of sexual harassment tend systematically to offend in this respect. Yet no female employee apart from Professor Hill even suggests that Judge Thomas (a man with many political enemies) abused his power.

As Mr Brock concludes: "By any reasonable evidentiary standard, Clarence Thomas should be fully vindicated of Anita Hill's charges."

The real case against the nomination of Judge Thomas is that his lack of merit as a lawyer should have disqualified him from promotion to the highest court in the land.

Even President Bush cannot seriously have believed that Judge Thomas was "on the merits, the best man for the job". Nobody emerges from this sorry, but compelling, story with much credit.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

The jury is innocent, by a majority

Alasdair Steven sits in judgment on a tried and trusted system

Twelve men and women good and true are more likely to reach the truth than one, however well versed in Latin and legal matters. It is commonsense that matters.

I have just done my stint at as a juror at Knightsbridge Crown Court, with one of the most mixed bunches of people it would be possible to imagine: elderly ladies, the stockbroker, the punk and the unemployed. Most read the serious papers, but a hardened bunch in the corner were studying the tabloids' racing tips. Jurors are a hotch potch, and that is the jury's strength.

As everyone who is eligible is now liable to be summoned once every two years, it is better to be resigned to jury service since it is not easy to get off.

You feel that the system is working. People do care. They do assimilate the arguments. They refuse to be led up a blind alley by an arrogant barrister. The testing time comes when you are locked away in the jury room with one bottle of water and six plastic cups. You sit at the round table. Somehow discussion now seems awkward.

We heard four cases in the course of our ten-day service. After one case was heard, we sat for four hours discussing the ins and outs and the coincidences. Some of us were unhappy with the way the police had presented their case and therefore considered it a duty to give the man in the dock the benefit of the doubt. I did not agree. We were a genuinely hung jury.

We reported to the judge, who said he would accept a majority verdict of ten to two. So we ploughed on again. Eventually our sensible foreman got tough with the undecided and told them they were there to make a decision — not sit on the fence. One woman said she found it difficult to make up her mind about her own life, let alone anyone else's.

After another four hours we relayed to the judge that we were deadlocked. The judge thanked us for our hard work and we were sent packing. The poor man in the dock would have to go through it all again.

I did expect prosecuting barristers to be far more cutting and incisive. The only person who is in there fighting like a tiger is the defence counsel, planting doubts and creating havoc with the jury's preconceived notions of the defendant. In contrast, the prosecution sounded aimless and flabby.

But that is a side issue. The system does throw up sane and rational thought. Whether it comes to the right decision about the man in the dock he alone can tell. But he is given a mighty fair crack of the legal whip.

It is anachronistic and has its mad moments. It does seem crazy at the end of the 20th century to see grown men in wigs using 19th century language. But out of all this acting and posturing you get to the guts of a situation. The drama and play-acting is within reason and balanced. It allows everyone to have a say, prejudices to be aired and grudges to be brought out in open court.

Two lasting memories. First, and most worrying, the amateurishness of the police in marshalling facts and presenting them. Second, and more reassuring, the sense and all-pervading patience of the judges. They were the model of a modern learned judge. They displayed kindness, consideration, concern and their summings-up were balanced and almost too fair.

Finally, video cameras are certainly not that helpful. Having sat through a screening on one trial over and over again it confused my colleagues as much as it helped. All a clever barrister has to ask in a sly, insinuating tone is "yes, the man in the video going into the bank does look like the accused but are you absolutely sure it is the same man?" The wily barrister can always sow doubt in the mind of a juror, however good and however true.

That's one job safe

THE New Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act, parts of which come into force at the end of this month, will create a new category of employee with statutory protection against dismissal or victimisation.

That person is the safety representative, or any employee who acts upon or raises concerns about health and safety. The new measure is being introduced to comply with the EC health and safety directives and will apply regardless of length of service or hours worked. There is, on average, one safety representative per 69 trade union members in the United Kingdom.

INNS AND OUTS

Thanks, partner

WITH Budweiser running television adverts in America depicting a rodeo where cowboys lasso lawyers instead of cattle, the legal profession's reputation seems to have reached an all-time low.

But not all Americans hate their lawyers. In an unprecedented move, United Capital Corp has spent tens of thousands of dollars taking out an advertisement in the *Wall Street Journal*. It wanted to express its appreciation for "the superlative professional services" rendered by four lawyers at the New York firm Richards Spears Kibbe & Orbe. David Spears, a partner, says: "If you win a trial, your clients tend to like you."

His team successfully defended the company and achieved a unanimous jury verdict in its favour in a multi-million dollar action brought by shareholders.

Madly involved

IF YOU spot a Freshfields partner sitting in a wine bar, shabbily dressed, snapping at colleagues and claiming that the Martians are out to get him, he obviously has not kept up with developments in the firm. A recent newspaper article on city stress disclosed that the firm has set up procedures to help employees with emotional problems. Personnel director David Rance says: "We have become aware that the pressures of life are such that occasionally people do get stressed out."

The confidential counselling process is conducted in-house. Mr Rance, who has a degree in occupational psychology, adds: "We have built into our partner induction programme a course creating awareness of the symptoms." These can range, he says, from excessive drinking to paranoia.

Price is right

SEVEN firms in Texas are being investigated for allegedly fixing salaries. The firms, including Johnson & Gibbs, Akin Gump Strauss, Hauer & Feld and Haynes & Boone, were all asked by the Justice Department to supply "information on the process you go about for setting salaries".

The firms deny the charge and have heard nothing since. But of course such goings on are unheard of in England. Certainly the Office of Fair Trading says it has never felt moved to investigate even if salaries often seem to be remarkably similar.

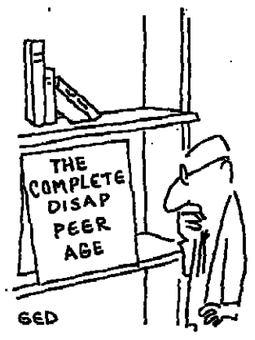
Not so equal

THE Equal Opportunities Commission received 13,320 complaints about sex discrimination in employment last year — a 47 per cent increase on the previous year. According to the commission's annual report for 1992, well over half the inquiries related to promotion and development.

Lost and found

BIRKBECK College library, London, got an unexpected bonus this week when called by Suffolk police.

The police have stumbled upon a huge stock of many thousands of stolen library books and at least two sets, one worth £800, appear to have come from Birkbeck. Richard Williams, librarian, says: "We realised the books were missing in 1976 when we did a stock check and found some 6,000 volumes had gone. We didn't have a security system at the time — we have now." One of the missing sets is Cokayne's *The Complete Peerage* in 13 volumes.



SCRIVENOR

● In attempting to correct a typographical mistake in Ian Hunter's article (August 17) about employees' rights on dismissal, we compounded the initial damage. For the record: wrongful dismissal claims, which are contractual, must be started within six years; and statutory unfair dismissal claims normally within three months of the date of dismissal.

Capitalisation, week's change

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2,538.00	Aus New Z	194	...	...	4.6	...
10,976.60	Bankamerica	3087¼	+37½	...	...	...
1,164.00	Bk of Ireland	248	-4	...	5.0	20.0
27.30	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
1,983.60	Bank Scotland	171	+4	4.5	3.3	34.1
8,204.20	Barclays	508 ↑	+12	...	...	...
0.84	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
5.04	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
135.20	Cater Allen	561	...	27.0	6.0	...
166.60	Cattles	150½	-6	...	3.5	19.8
3,560.90	Chase Manh	2281¼	+26⅞	...	...	...
8,066.00	Chicorp	2209¼	+18½	...	...	...
185.70	Close Bros	421	+11	...	2.8	18.7
3,757.70	Commerzbk	£126½	-13⅞	...	3.1	...
14,088.80	Deutsche Bk	£30⅝	+11⅛	...	1.9	...
140.30	First Nat Fin	86 ↑	-3	...	0.7	...
43,664.10	Fuji Bank T	1508	-29	...	0.4	∞
191.20	Gerrard Nat	489	+5	21.5	5.5	13.0
6,040.60	HSBC	733	+8	19.0	3.2	17.5
12,196.20	HSBC HK	717	+8	19.0	3.3	17.2
653.80	Hambros	374	-1	14.0	4.7	17.3
19.00	Joseph (L)	353	...	16.6	5.7	...
23.90	King Shaxson	151	-3	9.0	7.5	...
663.80	Kleinwort Ben	504 ↑	-4	16.0	4.0	17.5
7,166.40	Lloyds	559	+31	18.4	4.1	16.0
52.40	Lon Scot Bk	88	+1	3.0	4.3	17.4
6,419.30	Nat Aust Bk	498	-9	...	4.1	17.3
8,205.50	Nat West	497 ↑	+16	17.3	4.4	20.2
584.30	Provident	438	...	11.4	3.3	19.0
20.40	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	35.0
2,247.00	Ryl Bk Scot	283	-7	8.8	3.9	...
1,204.00	Schroders	1198	+3	...	1.1	23.9
2,224.20	Stand Chart	934 ↑	-27	20.0	2.7	...
3,081.50	TSB	203 ↑	-1	6.4	3.9	...
34.20	Union Disc	180	...	...	...	...
1,739.30	Warburg SG	809	...	...	2.9	20.4
120.40	-do- 6% 'A'	283	...	...	2.7	...
4,279.50	Wells Fargo	7725	+369½	...	1.4	...
3,225.90	Westpac	184	-3	...	4.1	...
23.70	Wintrust	280 ↑	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,595.70	Allied-Lyons	633	+18	...	4.1	17.1
4,357.40	Bass	502	-13	18.9	4.7	10.9
337.70	Boddington	280	+7	7.3	3.3	16.3
231.50	Bulmer (HP)	441	...	...	2.9	19.2
32.00	Burtonwood Brw	154	+1	4.7	3.9	12.9
211.30	Devenish (JA)	392	+5	7.8	2.5	22.1
24.90	Eldridge P 'A'	128	-1	...	3.2	33.9
1,717.40	Fosters Brewing	54	-1	...	3.0	7.5
82.80	Fullr Sm 'A'	410	+5	7.4	2.3	17.6
9,450.80	Grand Met	457	+8	12.3	3.4	15.1
782.80	Greenalls Grp	376	+6	11.7	3.9	12.5
240.70	Greene King	569	-1	...	2.7	16.1
10,341.20	Guinness	515	+12	...	2.9	18.3
64.30	Hardy Hansn	265	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
2.92	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
426.60	Highland Distl	341	-9	6.0	2.2	22.7
88.50	Holt J	2850	+12	41.0	1.7	19.2
4.21	Hoskins Brew	73	+17	...	...	52.6
376.10	Invergordn Dist	295	+1	...	3.0	16.8
183.20	Macallan-Glen	159	+4	0.9	0.7	35.7
51.00	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	...	2.9	17.9
138.00	Mansfield	216	+18	...	2.2	15.5
257.30	Mrston Thmp	284	+1	...	2.4	17.2
65.00	Matthew Clark	458 ↑	+23	...	4.6	13.4
35.20	Mrydwn W	280 ↑	+4	7.0	3.0	∞
112.40	Morland	530	+7	8.4	2.0	21.1
4.80	Paramount♣	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
26.50	Regent Inns	181	+7	...	3.1	16.1
2,436.20	SA Breweries	891	-9	...	3.1	14.8
2,029.20	Scot & New	482	+17	...	4.4	15.0
239.40	Taunton Cider	219	+13	6.0	3.4	17.9
343.20	Vaux Group	248	+10	9.3	4.7	17.1
93.00	Wetherspoon JD	297	-4	...	2.0	24.0
2,413.70	Whitbread 'A'	534	+5	...	4.2	14.4
189.40	-do- 'B'	1155	-3	...	1.9	29.0
331.50	Wolvrhmptn D	503	...	11.4	2.8	14.1
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46.50	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	∞
10.10	Albrighton♣	20	-2	...	...	...
23.80	Allen♣	116	+2	...	5.4	26.3
191.90	Amec	95	-1	3.0	3.9	17.6
2.81	Anglia Sec	8½	-½	...	...	...
61.40	Ashtead♣	273 ↑	+11	4.5	2.1	∞
338.40	Attwoods	120	+6	5.0	5.2	17.4
1,262.80	BPB Ind	250	-1	...	3.8	43.0
34.10	Baggeridge Brk	86	-2	3.1	4.5	28.9
2.72	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	+½	0.5	...	...
19.90	Barcom	107	+1	1.2	1.5	19.4
273.80	Barton	49½	+2	2.0	5.1	24.4
290.60	Barratt Devs	161	+4	2.0	1.6	17.9
212.80	Bellway	436	+9	...	3.6	25.1
18.00	Bellwinch	41	+7	...	...	...
334.40	Berkeley Gp	436	-9	...	1.7	27.3
16.20	Bett Bros	108	-7	...	0.6	4.4
14.90	Blockleys	58	+1	1.0	2.2	64.1
1,045.00	Blue Circle	267	+1	...	5.3	...
71.80	Boot (Henry)	276	...	3.9	2.7	15.4
26.70	Breedon PLC	94	-3	4.6	6.1	22.7
20.60	Br Dredging	117	-1	5.2	5.6	26.0
15.70	Brit Fittings	66	-2	1.5	2.8	...
392.20	Bryant	143	-3	4.8	4.2	30.6
31.00	CALA	88	+3	2.3	...	...
839.40	CRH	289	+6	...	2.9	20.0
1.66	Cakebread Rby	28	+3	...	...	...
87.50	Costain	38	...	...	...	...
104.50	Countryside	137	...	...	3.7	36.2
55.80	Crest Nicholson	73	+2	0.0	...	...
17.10	Cussins	96 ↑	...	...	1.3	...
1.43	Dunton♣	3	...	...	...	...
10.50	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
54.20	Epwin	275	+7	6.8	3.1	23.1
24.60	Erith	52	...	0.3	0.8	...
43.20	Eve Group♣	453	+5	...	2.8	16.4
7.61	Explaura♣	5	-¼	...	...	...
9.00	Freeman Gp♣	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
42.60	Galliford	48	...	4.3	...	19.3
1.01	Gibbs & Dandy	58	+4	...	2.2	...
92.40	Gleeson (MJ)	915	+2	12.7	1.7	14.8
255.00	Hewden-Stuart	134½	+½	...	3.0	30.6
3.88	Hewetson	45 ↑	...	...	3.5	33.2
222.80	Heywd Wim	306	-1	12.5	5.1	...
51.70	Higgs & Hill	117½	+2½	2.5	2.7	...
13.20	How Gp	32	+3	...	5.9	...
5.27	Howard Hldgs	21 ‡	+2	0.5	3.0	...
192.70	Ibstock Johnsen	77	+1	1.0	1.6	...
12.90	Jarvis	19	-½	...	...	...
141.10	Laing (J)	308	-5	9.0	3.7	12.3
51.20	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127½	+1½	...	0.3	...
8.17	Ln Clydeside♣	90	-3	4.5	6.3	33.9
14.60	Lovell (YJ)	17½	-½	...	...	7.9
121.20	Manders	324	+4	9.0	3.5	19.8
447.00	Marley	158	...	4.2	3.4	45.7
123.40	Marshalls	182	+1	...	4.9	70.2
42.20	Maunders (J)	171	+3	4.9	3.6	15.7
120.30	McAlpine (A)	213	+5	6.5	3.9	36.4
26.70	McCarthy & S	38	+2½	0.5	...	...
462.00	Meyer Int	372	-6	...	3.4	37.3
127.70	Mowlem (J)	127	+1	4.0	3.9	...
22.80	NSM	133	-1	...	...	...
9.01	Needler♣	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
195.50	Newman Tnks	162	-5	...	6.1	21.6
275.70	Persimmon	281	-8	8.6	3.8	28.7
2.60	Phoenix Timber	18	+6	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	-21½	28.0	2.4	9.3
85.30	Prowting	133	-7	3.4	3.2	...
1.81	Quiligotti♣	2½	...	...	...	...
1,544.50	RMC Gp	788	-6	...	3.2	31.0
174.70	Raine Ind	93	-1	6.0	8.1	15.5
2.49	Ransom♣	22	...	...	...	...
2,726.60	Redland	541	-14	25.0	5.8	31.5
11.90	Rosket	79	+1	4.3	6.8	11.6
801.70	Rugby Group	274	-1	6.4	2.9	21.0
8.42	Scttd-Evns	41	...	...	...	...
22.90	Sharpe & Fisher	111	+1	...	4.5	19.3
143.40	Sheffield Insl	220	+11	...	3.1	54.0
15.70	Sheriff Hldgs	150	+3	...	1.7	22.4
2.81	Shoreco♣	82	+9	...	8.2	18.1
24.10	Smart (J)	239	+19	8.5	4.4	10.9
14.30	Starmin	4½	...	0.3	8.8	∞
1,152.20	Tarmac	157	+10	5.5	4.4	...
38.80	Try Homes	177	+8	5.8	4.1	11.3
551.50	Taylor Woodrw	132	-1	1.0	0.9	...
210.90	Tilbury Dougls	624	+1	33.0	6.6	20.3
3.56	Torex Hire♣	35	...	...	1.4	...
343.50	Travis Perkins	239	-5	8.0	4.2	42.1
14.30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
2.84	Tudor♣	26	...	...	1.2	...
36.30	Vibroplant	70	+5	2.5	4.0	27.9
25.20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
0.88	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
90.30	Watts Blake	434	-1	...	3.5	18.7
2.42	Wescol♣	23	-1	...	...	...
109.10	Westbury	164	+3	3.0	3.8	25.6
3.92	West Scaffolds♣	7½	...	...	...	...
1.43	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
342.20	Wilson Bowdn	441	+8	8.7	2.5	30.3
363.80	Wilson (C)	192	+5	3.9	2.6	33.5
670.60	Wimpey G	186	...	...	3.5	...
4.75	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
895.60	ADT	645	+15	...	...	...
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
6.47	Air London♣	73	...	...	8.0	9.0
3.45	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
177.70	Auto Sec	156	-2	...	4.2	28.0
1,205.10	BET Ord	129	+7½	...	3.1	5.2
34.10	BNB Res	100	...	4.9	6.1	...
81.80	BPP	311 ↑	+2	8.0	3.2	17.2
36.50	Barbour Index	220	+2	8.0	4.5	∞
20.50	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
58.60	Brit Data Mgt	241	-4	...	2.1	20.1
3.98	Broadcastle♣	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
7.83	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
53.20	CRT Gp	101	+4	2.8	3.5	∞
91.50	Capita Group	193 ↑	+3	...	1.4	30.1
35.20	Caskel Plc	44 ↑	+2½	...	2.3	16.9
17.10	Chiltern Capital	18½	-1½	...	...	...
10.80	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
1,030.70	Chubb Sec	369	+10	...	1.6	22.9
6.03	Comace♣	94	+5	...	2.0	23.5
7.73	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
11.20	Coutts Cnslng	47	+3	...	...	...
16.80	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
253.20	Davis Service	289	-6	...	4.0	18.8
5.05	EW Fact♣	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
34.30	Gardiner	32	+½	0.6	...	22.0
1,005.50	Hays	249½	-3½	4.6	2.3	24.6
169.50	Hogg Robinsn	245	+5	...	3.4	17.9
15.40	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.1
6,739.70	Hutch Whamp	194	-3	...	2.4	16.5
499.90	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	5.5	2.5
3,039.20	Inchcape	580	+35	...	3.0	20.1
164.10	Johnson Clean	833 ↑	+3	25.7	3.9	18.2
92.20	Lep	10	-½	...	...	...
29.60	Mitie Gp	285 ↑	-11	3.5	1.5	22.2
819.20	Manpower	1101	+39	...	...	...
35.90	Michael Page	60	+2½	1.8	3.8	25.5
7.90	Pennac♣	167	-5	...	7.5	4.3
2.23	Prime People♣	2½	...	...	...	...
76.00	Proudfoot Alex	122	-5	...	12.3	6.8
37.70	RCO	352	...	12.8	5.0	11.9
8.49	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
52.70	Reed Executive	100	-1	...	...	...
25.90	Reliance Secs♣	115 ↑	...	...	4.9	∞
2,111.40	Rentokil	217	+13	2.3	1.3	27.0
12.60	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
1,118.60	Salvesen (C)	388	+3	...	2.5	21.3
3.11	Scott Pickford♣	36	-1	...	2.8	11.5
12.90	Select Appt♣	6	...	...	...	...
124.00	Serco Gp	1078	+3	14.0	1.6	29.8
9.45	Sherwd Cmpt♣	155	+3	...	5.7	4.5
57.40	Sketchley	99	...	...	3.8	22.6
81.10	Warner Howrd	342	+10	6.5	2.4	17.9
14.70	Welpac	33	-1	...	...	...
34.20	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
622.60	Allied Colloids	237	-8	...	2.3	20.0
488.80	Amersham	854	-1	...	2.0	29.5
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
5,748.40	BASF DM	£100½	-6½	...	3.2	...
387.30	BTP	289	-1	...	4.0	19.9
7,642.40	Bayer DM50	£116¼	-6¼	...	4.5	...
76.70	Blagden	165 ↑	...	9.5	...	17.8
78.30	Brent Chems	116	-10	...	8.1	10.5
128.20	Br Bio-Tech	359	+6	...	...	...
7.44	Caird Gp	13	-½	...	12.8	36.1
41.30	Canning (W)	146	+5	7.2	6.2	16.7
2,273.70	Courtaulds	567	-2	...	3.1	15.1
390.90	Croda	305	+13	...	3.2	19.9
14.90	Deeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
182.30	Ellis & Everard	221	+3	7.0	4.0	∞
10.30	Euro Colour	34½	+½	0.8	2.9	21.1
96.30	Halstead (J)	323	+10	...	2.3	16.2
313.00	Hickson	180½	+3½	...	5.6	16.5
6,371.20	Hoechst	£107½	-225	...	3.3	...
188.00	Holliday Chem	220	-3	...	2.1	30.1
5,072.60	ICI	658 ↑	+5	...	4.9	...
1,213.90	Laporte	636	-6	19.5	3.8	17.5
138.00	Leigh	217 ↑	-3	...	4.5	20.9
16.60	MTM	64	-1	...	...	...
3,799.80	Norsk Hydro	1850	...	...	1.6	26.3
112.50	Paterson Zoch	461	+2	11.4	3.1	19.9
96.10	-do- 'A'	418	+6	11.4	3.4	18.0
108.80	Plysu	229	+5	...	3.8	14.9
38.20	Porvair	248	+3	3.6	1.8	28.5
34.30	Suncliffe Speak	61	-1	...	...	...
118.30	Wardle Storeys	479	+6	16.0	4.2	19.3
36.30	Wistaholme R	490	+10	17.0	4.3	16.8
172.80	Yorkl Chem	379 ↑	-4	...	2.5	20.3
229.50	Yule Catto	270	+6	5.9	2.7	16.5
6,747.30	Zeneca	714	+13	...	4.9	41.6

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38.50	Alexon	67 ↑	...	...	5.6	...
80.60	Amber Day	77	+7	3.1	5.0	21.1
1,085.70	Argos Plc	342	+15	...	2.6	29.0
21.80	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
244.30	Ashley (Laura)	104	-1	0.1	0.1	...
240.20	Asprey	301	+7	3.1	2.1	20.9
40.70	Austin Reed	133	+4	...	2.3	...
71.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	-1	...	4.9	15.5
44.00	Bentalls	105	...	1.9	2.3	...
240.20	Betterware	236	-15	...	1.1	28.2
12.10	Blacks Leis	38 ↑	+2	2.2	7.4	...
368.80	Body Shop	197	-4	...	1.1	25.4
100.50	Brown & Jackson	15½	-½	...	0.6	7.8
288.40	Brown (N)	395	+2	...	2.2	23.2
1,087.30	Burton	77½	-4½	...	3.2	...
24.10	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
37.60	Church	348	+5	12.5	4.5	30.7
26.00	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
1,507.80	Coats Viyella	248	+4	...	1.7	29.2
20.70	Colourvision♣	102 ↑	+1	5.6	6.9	18.3
171.30	Courts Furnish	659	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
2.16	Crown Eyes	135 ↑	...	...	6.5	∞
2,058.70	Dairy Farm Intl	124	-3	...	2.9	18.5
104.20	Dewhirst (I)	83	...	1.0	1.5	26.6
931.40	Dixons Grp	237	+9	...	3.3	...
681.80	Dunhill	401	+11	8.1	2.5	15.6
8.60	ERA Gp	15	-1	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.9	17.8
19.00	Essex Furn	166	+12	...	2.1	28.1
177.00	Etam	271	+3	6.9	3.2	24.8
469.10	Fine Art Dev	590	-2	12.7	2.7	19.9
2.22	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
16.80	Forminster	548	+5	14.0	3.2	9.9
24.90	French Conn♣	157	+10	...	...	...
26.30	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
14.70	Goldsmiths Gp	67	+1	0.3	0.6	...
200.70	GUS	1688	-12	...	1.5	28.9
4,924.80	-do- 'A'	2038	-52	...	2.7	15.8
3.95	Hampden Grp♣	33	+1	...	3.8	16.4
67.00	Hartstone	64	+3	...	5.5	...
31.00	Helene Plc	25½	+½	2.0	9.9	12.1
3.13	Heritage♣	71	-1	...	...	...
5.77	Honeysuckle♣	71	+5	...	1.8	10.1
11.50	Jacques Vert	121 ↑	...	...	3.1	9.3
4,373.10	Kingfisher	678	-8	...	2.5	22.2
26.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70 ↑	+1	4.0	7.1	14.4
24.80	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
323.20	Lloyds Chem	274	+7	5.5	2.5	10.7
837.20	MFI	144	+4½	...	3.3	29.7
10,445.40	Marks Spencer	377½	+12½	...	2.7	20.7
309.70	Menzies (John)	557	+29	...	2.5	15.6
37.70	Moss Bros	226	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
754.60	Next	204½	+½	2.5	1.5	24.4
9.61	Oliver (G)	38	+2	...	...	...
152.10	Ottilame Intl	285 ↑	-7	...	4.2	14.0
66.20	Pentos	46	+5	1.5	4.1	9.6
80.60	QS Hldgs	205	-5	8.1	3.2	14.6
107.00	Ratners Group	39½	-2	...	...	...
18.20	Rhino Grp♣	39½	...	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
1,689.00	Sears	112	-3½	...	3.9	...
1,281.20	Smith WH 'A'	470	-7	...	3.9	15.3
2.18	Specialeyes♣	14	...	...	...	...
921.30	Storehouse	224	-5	...	2.8	28.9
105.40	T & S Stores	165	+4	5.9	4.5	12.3
81.00	Tie Rack	157	+8	1.0	0.8	25.7
120.20	Time Products	228	...	7.5	4.1	19.7
7.90	Usher (Frank)♣	113	-1	...	5.5	8.9
18.70	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
2.54	Wensum♣	34	...	...	6.7	...
334.20	Wickes	109	-7	...	0.2	48.3
5.61	Wld of Leather♣	69	...	...	...	...
52.50	Wyevale♣	171	-7	...	2.9	22.6
5.78	Xtra-vision♣	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
220.90	ACT Group	174	-6	...	3.6	17.5
34.70	Acal♣	240	+5	...	3.3	16.7
65.10	Acorn Compu♣	98	-7	...	...	49.7
49.70	Admiral	460	+5	5.4	1.5	19.5
74.10	Alba	160	+4	...	3.9	19.6
11.30	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
194.70	Amstrad	37½	-1½	0.4	...	...
12.70	App Holo♣	61	-8	...	...	...
14.40	Arlen	48	+11	...	...	...
252.40	Astec	82	+14	...	...	1.3
23.90	Bailes Homer	243 ↑	...	9.4	4.8	∞
4.24	Bennett & Fount	4	-½	...	...	...
1,457.50	BICC	415	+18	19.2	5.9	...
118.30	Blick	475	...	9.2	2.4	18.5
365.80	Borland♣	1288	-30	...	...	...
610.50	Bowthorpe	370	+1	6.3	2.1	24.2
26,460.10	BT	429¼	-¼	...	4.6	20.1
5,410.70	BT F/P	185¼	...	...	4.4	20.9
2.92	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
54.50	Burnfield	159	+2	5.7	4.5	25.1
9,193.60	Cable Wireless	845	+1	...	2.2	27.2
53.40	Chloride	27½	+2	...	...	...
47.80	CML Micro♣	273	+5	...	2.2	19.8
13.50	Comput People	97	+2	0.6	0.8	...
319.20	Cray Elect	149	-2½	...	1.3	15.3
49.80	Critchley	423	+11	...	1.8	∞
308.10	Delta	546	+18	...	3.2	22.5
15.60	Denmans El♣	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
119.80	Domino	487	+9	7.2	1.9	15.9
92.40	Dowding Mills	63	...	2.5	5.0	20.7
70.10	Druck♣	1095 ↑	+10	10.0	1.1	∞
978.80	Electrocomponts	467	+7	...	2.1	19.0
48.10	El Data Prc	553	...	5.1	1.2	15.2
29.90	Electron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
27.00	Emess	25½	...	0.1	0.5	...
268.60	Eurotherm	601	+5	8.0	1.7	27.4
664.20	FKI	150	-3	...	2.5	22.0
617.50	Farnell Elect	461	+12	...	1.7	24.4
7.53	Feedback♣	89	...	...	2.1	11.6
117.00	Ferranti	12½	-½	...	...	...
38.30	First Tech	258	...	1.0	0.5	∞
19.80	Forward Gp♣	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
6.12	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
9,797.10	GEC	359	+11	10.3	3.6	18.0
117.10	Graseby	185	...	...	7.5	38.2
12.90	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
1.35	Hilelare♣	38	...	...	1.7	11.7
7.18	INSTEM♣	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
67.50	Jones Stroud	373 ↑	+5	8.8	2.9	∞
4.42	Kenmey	15½	...	0.1	1.3	...
123.70	Kenwood App	337	+16	...	2.9	18.9
24.50	Kewill Sys♣	205	...	...	...	...
17.60	Kode	189	...	5.5	3.7	22.2
5.64	Laser-Scan♣	35	...	...	...	...
44.30	LDMS♣	247 ↑	+12	...	0.4	34.8
15.70	Lee Refrig	260	-13	9.0	4.4	...
266.30	Life Sciences	157	+13	3.5	2.9	16.9
156.80	Logica	255	+12	3.6	1.8	30.1
4.51	LPA Ind♣	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
117.20	MR Data Mangmt	212	+22	4.3	2.5	20.2
147.00	Macro 4	680	...	...	2.5	21.8
105.10	Memtec♣	845 ↑	+21	...	2.1	∞
280.60	Micro Focus	1950	+35	...	...	18.5
67.80	Microgen	172	+8	7.2	5.3	11.7
19.30	Microvitec♣	29½	+1	...	...	...
197.90	Misys	510	+6	7.0	1.7	∞
339.00	Mitel	429	+14	...	...	...
13.60	MMT Compu♣	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
6.32	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
42.80	MTL Inst♣	243	+4	...	1.9	18.3
17.60	Muirhead Elect	117	+4	3.5	3.7	∞
20.80	Murray Enter	218	+2	1.8	1.1	...
12,315.40	NYNEX	5962½	+125	...	...	...
34.70	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
2.83	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
13.80	Norbain♣	191	-2	...	1.0	14.6
10.70	Northumber	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
19.30	Oceonics♣	14	+2½	...	...	...
136.20	Oxford Inst	282 ↑	-3	4.5	2.0	19.4
14.20	P-E Internl	70	+2	1.0	1.9	...
38.80	P & P	70 ↑	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
88.50	Peak	77	+1	3.4	5.5	20.1
12.40	Pegasus♣	192	+9	...	4.2	48.8
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	8500	...	...	6.1	...
4,034.70	-do- Lmp nv	1262½	-12½	...	...	...
88.70	Photonic♣	250	-1	...	...	...
28.00	Pifco	561 ↑	+1	8.2	1.8	∞
18.70	-do- 'A' Voting	541 ↑	+1	8.2	1.9	∞
3.62	Plasmec♣	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
29.30	Pressac	115	+4	2.4	2.6	23.2
25.50	Psion♣	116	+16	...	2.7	30.8
726.70	Racal Elect	260	+3	4.2	2.0	15.5
11.60	Radamec	63	+2	...	3.0	13.5
9.82	Radius♣	36	-4	2.7	...	12.4
5.39	Real Time♣	77 ↑	+3	...	4.9	∞
6.76	Riva♣	26	-7	...	...	33.0
81.00	Sage Gp	395	-19	9.0	2.9	12.7
29.00	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.9
31.10	Scantronic	82	-4	3.1	4.4	20.7
59.90	Scholes Grp	158	+3	5.0	4.0	31.0
331.20	Sema Gp	364	-1	2.8	1.0	29.5
13.10	Silverlines	40	+1	...	3.1	...
4.70	Soundtracks♣	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
3,303.90	TDK	2512½	-40½	...	1.3	28.0
1.26	TDS Circuits♣	14	...	...	...	...
162.90	Telemetrix	180	+18	0.8	0.6	29.7
4,114.30	THORN EMI	1006	+33	...	4.0	20.6
13.90	Thorpe FW	108	+3	2.5	2.9	11.1
6.60	Total Systems♣	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
81.10	Tunstall	507	+2	6.0	1.5	20.3
191.80	Unitech	281 ↑	+5	...	2.7	66.6
13.00	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35.80	Vistec♣	29½	+½	...	1.6	16.9
5,824.70	Vodafone	579	+17	...	1.5	26.2
122.50	Volex	464 ↑	+4	17.8	4.8	19.0
3.61	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
41.20	Wholesale Ftgs	290	...	11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,138.80	East Midlands	532	...	...	4.7	9.8
1,455.80	Eastern Elect	537	+11	...	4.5	10.7
1,451.60	Hydro-Elect	379 ↑	+8	...	3.8	13.7
1,171.20	London Elect	537	+10	...	4.5	11.9
695.00	Manweb	595	+13	...	4.5	8.5
1,183.70	Midlands Elec	565	+17	...	4.4	10.1
4,686.60	National Powr	367	+7	...	3.6	10.9
717.70	Northern Elec	583	+10	...	4.6	8.4
475.70	Nthn Ireland	169	+7	...	4.3	9.7
982.70	Norweb	569	...	20.0	4.4	8.8
3,077.70	PowerGen	393	+7	...	3.2	10.4
2,958.50	Scottish Power	363 ↑	+10½	...	3.8	13.3
768.20	Seeboard	603	+25	...	4.1	9.7
605.50	Sth Wales	596	+1	...	4.7	9.9
690.60	Sth Western	561	+26	...	4.5	13.5
1,471.00	Southern Elec	545	+9	...	4.5	10.0
1,179.50	Yorkshire Elec	569	+14	...	4.5	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	58 ↑	+2	1.0	2.2	11.9
21.90	EWD♣	122	-2	...	3.3	19.1
27.50	Baltic Plc	91	...	...	1.4	...
453.20	Caledonia	546	+11	...	3.4	20.5
35.60	Camellia	1425	-46½	...	1.1	5.3
69.10	Candover	310	...	10.2	4.1	22.0
51.50	Fleetech♣	180	+12	...	0.4	...
256.20	Govett	313 ↑	-13	...	4.8	9.8
54.50	Ivory Sime	188	+1	...	4.3	17.7
2.01	LIT	3½	+½	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
238.00	Lon Forfaiting♣	238	+6	8.4	4.5	16.9
12.80	Manakin	63 ↑	...	5.0	9.9	∞
10.10	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
18.50	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
66.80	Rathbone Bs	335	+9	6.0	2.2	20.4
64.20	Rutland Tst	25	+½	...	4.0	14.8
31.70	S & U	286	+16	10.0	4.2	11.0
157.80	Singer & Fried	82	+2	2.6	4.0	...
292.80	Sothebys	863	+83	...	4.0	...
412.80	STP Capital	152	-1	3.0	2.5	61.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,497.10	Amer Express	2281¼	-25	...	...	...
233.30	Henderson Ad	1090	-10	...	4.8	25.1
487.00	Invesco	199	+8	...	1.9	...
2,125.60	Jardine Strat	225	-3	...	3.4	10.4
737.80	MAI	228	-5	6.0	3.3	16.6
1,248.70	MAM	664	-1	15.0	2.8	16.6
721.70	M & G	961	+11	...	2.8	25.6
170.40	Smith New Ct	338	+½	...	2.2	5.1
43.90	Trio Hldgs	79	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,325.80	All Food	518	-11½	14.0	3.4	11.9
1,913.30	ASDA Group	66 ↑	+2	...	3.0	15.4
93.70	Acatos & Hutch	284	-21	6.5	2.9	16.4
429.40	Albert Fisher	71	+1	1.7	6.6	11.6
3,800.20	Argyll	339	-14½	...	4.0	12.5
27.80	Assoc Fisheries	158 ↑	+14	...	6.3	3.2
19.10	Banks (S C)	227	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
63.30	Barr (AG)	335	+5	6.5	2.4	16.9
12.30	Bensons Crsps♣	68 ↑	...	...	5.2	15.3
128.10	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
930.80	Booker	438	-3	...	6.2	45.1
27.40	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	39.0
254.50	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
81.30	Budgens	50	+4	1.0	2.5	∞
3,583.40	Cadbury-Schw	481	-12	...	3.4	17.9
8.10	Carrs Milling	119	-1	3.9	4.1	23.8
26.10	Cranswick	193	+10	...	5.2	14.4
4.18	Cullens	16	-2	0.5	3.9	46.0
24.40	Dalepak	210 ↑	-4	6.0	3.6	16.5
1,173.70	Dalgety	515	+20	19.5	4.7	15.0
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
288.90	Devro	214	...	...	3.2	20.3
29.40	Everest	117	+13	...	3.7	16.2
80.90	Farepak	358	+3	5.7	2.0	22.0
2.13	Farringford	8½	+½	...	...	...
72.80	Finlay (James)	73	+3	...	7.1	24.2
293.90	Fyffes	105	+5	...	1.4	19.0
271.40	Geest	578	-3	8.1	2.7	17.0
16.90	Global♣	14	+1	...	4.5	21.8
17.40	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
435.80	Hazlewood Fds	188 ↑	-2	...	4.3	10.9
1,156.20	Hillsdown	168	-3	...	6.5	13.2
628.10	Iceland Group	229	-7	...	1.8	20.5
49.40	JLI Group	119	+3	...	4.9	13.2
1,157.20	Kwik Save	749	+11	16.0	2.7	14.3
99.30	Low (Wm)	186	-2	8.4	5.6	9.0
80.70	Matthews (B)	65	+4	2.2	4.3	42.6
15.80	Merchant Retail	17¼	-1½	1.1	7.9	35.8
1,049.00	Morrison (W)	147	-7	...	0.7	19.1
85.80	Nichols (JN)	543 ↑	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
1,647.40	Nthn Foods	288	+16	...	3.6	14.3
5.73	Nrthmbra Fm♣	12	...	...	...	...
266.50	Nurdin Peack	210	+2	...	3.6	12.0
126.60	Park Foods	242	-6	6.0	3.1	∞
112.90	Perkins Food	92	+5	...	6.0	10.0
51.90	PizzaExpress	98	+2	...	0.6	56.3
7.92	Regina Hlth♣	5½	...	...	...	...
9,113.60	Sainsbury J	512	-10	...	2.4	18.0
3.34	Sentry Farm♣	78	-5	...	2.4	14.0
32.70	Sims Food	110	+16	...	8.5	21.2
1,410.50	Tate & Lyle	394	-14	12.0	3.8	12.4
4,586.40	Tesco	234	-3	...	3.8	10.8
103.20	Thorntons	162	-1	3.6	2.8	15.1
14.30	Trenta	150 ‡	-1	...	3.0	17.1
918.80	Unigate	394	+5	...	5.1	12.9
1,986.00	Utd Biscuits	379	-2	...	5.0	18.0
17.10	Usborne	26	...	...	2.3	∞
111.70	Watson & Phil	288	+7	13.3	5.8	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.64	Abrdn Stk Hs♣	22	...	1.5	2.2	21.1
167.90	City Centre Rest	88	...	...	...	...
1,990.40	Forte	235	+2½	...	4.0	18.4
23.60	Friendly Hotels	190	-6	5.7	3.8	36.2
8.08	Harmony Leis♣	10½	...	...	...	...
32.10	Jurys Hotel	121½	+12	...	5.8	∞
2,322.60	Ladbroke	204	-13½	11.1	6.8	17.4
475.40	Mandarin Orntl	70	+1	...	4.4	17.6
439.00	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
3.60	Regal Hotels♣	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.80	Ryan Hotels H	18	+1½	...	5.6	...
340.20	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
251.70	Stakis	66	+2	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.40	AAF Inds	128	+2	...	8.6	7.8
470.90	AAH	537	+13	...	4.0	17.3
24.40	ADI	175	+3	7.5	5.4	∞
311.60	APV	106	-2½	...	8.4	...
153.90	ASW	230	-4	...	3.3	...
128.50	Adwest	198	...	7.0	4.4	28.2
8.74	Aerospace Eng	23	-5	...	4.2	29.6
62.80	Airsprung	265	+6	...	2.1	16.9
52.20	Alexdra W	155	+2	3.8	3.1	42.8
4.18	Allied Radio	8½	+½	...	...	...
83.10	Alumasc	565	+3	11.0	2.4	17.3
25.30	Alvis	46	+2½	1.0	2.7	9.5
18.60	Amber Ind	473	...	...	4.9	10.9
2.46	Amberley Gp♣	41 ↑	-4	...	3.0	...
41.80	Anagen	90	+1	...	...	...
15.40	Andrews Sykes	108	+5	...	2.2	...
284.90	Antofagasta	885	+22	...	2.1	16.4
12.90	Armour	48	...	1.4	3.9	14.1
40.50	Ash & Lacy	155	+3	6.4	5.2	15.9
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	0.0	1.7	∞
140.40	Avon Rubber	532	+1	...	3.9	21.2
27.50	Astec Nurse♣	249	-1	...	0.5	15.3
70.70	Atlas Equip	680	+15	...	4.0	17.1
6.00	Ayrshire Metal	60	-3	...	...	...
707.30	BBA	175	+1	...	3.4	14.7
3.52	BLP Group♣	53	...	...	...	...
18.30	BM Gp	16½	...	...	5.0	0.7
3,136.80	BOC	659	+7	23.2	4.4	14.5
200.00	BSG	77	-½	...	5.2	26.8
118.10	BSS Group	456	+8	...	4.7	27.3
13,372.90	BTR	376	-1	...	3.4	22.6
88.70	BWI	186	-1	6.7	4.5	17.9
243.20	Babcock	68	-2½	...	5.8	27.0
4.67	Bailey (CH)	8½	+1½	...	...	...
313.30	Baird (Wm)	277	-8	8.9	4.0	19.2
1,165.80	Barlow Rand	393½	-6½	...	3.8	3.3
84.20	Baynes (Charles)	61	-1	...	2.9	25.0
7.35	Beaufort	9	-½	...	...	...
7.94	Beckenham♣	9	+1	...	...	...
1.28	Bedford (W)♣	27	...	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	-1	0.3	2.3	∞
152.50	Bespak	605	+32	10.0	2.1	∞
145.40	Bibby (J)	93	+2	9.7	...	...
4.16	Billam (J)	257	+6	5.0	2.4	13.0
2.87	Bisson Bures♣	34	+2	...	...	...
7.45	Bimec Ind	8½	+1½	...	...	...
37.00	Birkby	170	+3	3.5	2.6	16.1
10.40	Black Arrow	42 ↑	-1	2.6	7.7	∞
6.09	Black & Edgtn♣	1½	...	...	...	...
108.70	Black (Peter)	199	-1	2.9	1.8	20.5
27.80	Bluebird Toys♣	358	+19	...	1.6	22.3
177.40	Bodycote	309	-12	...	2.0	19.8
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28 ↑	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
5,075.80	Boots	489	+3	...	3.4	18.1
2.04	Booth Inds	51	...	0.2	1.7	...
2,574.70	Bowater	517	+19	11.5	2.8	20.4
500.10	Bowater Inc	1380 ↑	+36	...	...	...
57.90	Boxmore Intl♣	261	+5	...	1.8	19.5
11.70	Brasway	15 ↑	...	0.5	4.3	∞
129.40	Brammer	303	+1	13.0	5.4	22.6
7.63	Bridgend Gp	26	+4½	0.4	1.9	...
69.20	Bridon	122	-1	...	4.1	...
8.21	Bridport-Gndry	82	+2	4.1	6.3	15.4
1,268.80	Brierley Inv	45	+3	...	7.1	11.1
27.80	Br Bldg & Eng	248	-2	...	1.3	...
2.24	Br Bloodstock♣	59	...	...	...	...
153.80	Br Polythene	516	+2	...	2.4	18.5
2,220.00	Br Steel	113½	+2½	...	1.1	...
35.60	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	29.4
18.10	Br Thornton	18 ↑	+½	...	1.7	∞
557.60	Br Vita	259	+4	7.1	3.5	15.9
78.40	Brixton Grp	15½	-½	...	1.5	...
11,746.10	Broken Hill	709	+18	...	2.6	33.6
72.80	Brunsgrve Ind	106	+1	...	5.2	13.8
2.89	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
21.00	Brown & Tawse	66	+3	...	...	...
154.70	Bullough	129	-2	6.0	5.9	22.1
6.53	Business Tech♣	14 ↑	+2	...	...	...
19.50	CI Group	23	-1	1.0	5.4	23.1
2.89	Campbll & Arm	20	...	...	...	...
33.60	Cannon St	32½	+½	...	...	...
132.70	Cape	250	+4	...	5.3	16.9
147.80	Carclo Eng	246	+2	8.6	4.4	17.5
2,016.00	Carnaud Mtl	2500	-100	...	2.4	∞
3.67	Cendy Bros♣	66	-1	...	4.4	11.1
43.00	Castings	204	...	4.3	2.7	14.4
11.70	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	8.2	4.9	10.0
492.30	Charter	725	-28	...	3.8	17.1
62.80	Chemring	322	+2	...	3.2	19.4
4.51	Chelsfam Gp♣	52 ↑	...	5.1	...	11.1
11.10	Chillington	39	+6	0.2	0.8	...
280.00	Christies Intl	183	+3	...	1.0	...
10.40	Claybithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
2.86	Clayton Son	94	+4	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers♣	7 #	...	...	...	...
5.72	Cohen (A)	308	-7	6.8	2.8	∞
63.60	Community H	195	+2	6.5	4.2	12.1
123.30	Concentric	228	...	...	3.1	19.2
50.20	Cook (Wm)	28 ↑	+3	3.0	2.7	13.9
1,287.80	Cookson	230	+1	...	3.3	30.4
7.70	Copymore♣	71	+10	...	1.8	20.9
71.90	Cornwl Pkr 'A'	178	...	5.7	4.0	15.2
12.50	Costil	108	...	10.7	...	16.4
4.55	Creighton Nt♣	185	...	...	4.9	18.0
74.30	CrestaCare	44	+1	0.5	1.4	38.1
1,647.30	Dana	3587¼	-46½	...	...	...
398.50	Danka Bs Sys	216	+6	...	0.7	20.5
126.40	David Brown	238	-5	...	3.2	16.9
1.14	Davies (DT)♣	18	...	...	...	...
1,351.70	De La Rue	704	-5	...	3.0	18.7
3.44	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
302.50	Diploma	543	+8	9.7	2.2	28.3
96.70	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
1.91	Dyson (RH)	116	+2	5.0	5.4	∞
9.52	-do- 'A'	79	...	5.0	7.9	∞
5.86	EFG	17½	...	...	...	...
193.60	EIS	439	+6	...	3.9	17.4
2.92	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
7.25	Elson	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
1,513.70	Electrolux 'B'	2125	-6¾	...	2.6	...
16.00	Elliott (B)	65	+5	...	...	...
1,402.00	Eng China Cl	466	+11	...	5.4	25.6
5,650.10	Ericsson 'B'	3000	-56½	...	1.0	...
22.80	Eurocopy	47	+2	1.6	...	18.2
49.70	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
266.00	Fairey Group	715	-1	10.2	1.8	22.0
36.20	Fenner	83	+3	4.2	...	15.7
5.47	Ferraris Group	56	+3	...	2.2	13.1
2.17	Fennomet♣	1	...	...	...	...
7.16	Ferrum	22	+1	2.5	14.2	15.4
6.31	Fife Indmar	80	+4	0.5	1.1	...
1,244.00	Fisons	180	+4	...	6.0	20.8
56.20	Flexitlan	48	...	...	9.7	...
70.40	Fogas	288	...	...	3.2	13.0
11.70	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
9.34	French (Thomas)	78	+3	3.6	5.8	39.1
133.00	Frost Group	230	-10	4.0	2.2	9.7
30.90	GEI Intl	84	+7	...	7.4	...
1,303.80	GKN	405	-5	...	3.3	32.5
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
3.73	Garton Eng	98	+1	4.0	5.1	...
270.00	Gestetner	145	+7	8.2	7.1	6.3
7.05	Glevex	31	-4	...	...	22.4
17,822.30	Glaxo	588	+2	17.0	3.6	16.2
8.61	Glenchewton	33	-½	...	...	...
651.00	Glynwed	316	+5	11.6	4.7	28.4
66.10	Goode Durrant	125 ↑	+9	...	5.4	...
98.80	Grampian Hld	143	+5	5.5	4.8	24.8
2,021.80	Granada	432	-5	7.7	2.2	23.0
46.30	Great Sthrn	392	+2	...	3.5	16.1
7.08	Green (Ernst)♣	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
26.00	Greenacre♣	15	+1½	...	2.3	14.8
1.99	Guardian Grp♣	10½	...	...	...	...
51.40	Haden MacLn	58½	+5	...	4.3	20.7
5.65	Hadleigh Inds♣	78 ↑	-1	...	0.8	...
66.60	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
449.10	Halma	229 ‡	+10	...	1.1	30.8
23.80	Hampson Ind	39	-2	1.6	5.1	12.9
12,626.20	Hanson	261½	+5½	...	5.5	13.2
23.10	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
1,293.30	Harrisn Cisfid	186	-8	9.0	6.2	26.3
17.60	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
7.20	Hay (Norman)	48	+2	...	...	...
4.35	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
3.99	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
791.00	Hepworth	384	+5	14.6	4.8	16.5
11.90	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
1.94	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
47.70	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
9.10	Hobson♣	10	...	...	...	48.1
4.96	Holders Tech♣	130 ↑	+1	...	4.7	20.8
40.60	Hopkinsons	52	+1	1.3	3.1	21.5
12.60	Hornby♣	155	+11	...	7.3	14.6
243.70	Howden	87	-1	2.2	3.2	∞
238.30	Hunting	248	-11	...	5.0	20.9
130.00	Huntigh Tech♣	500	+30	...	2.5	11.8
967.00	IMI	298	-8	...	4.2	25.5
40.40	ISA Intl	104	+1	1.5	1.8	16.2
37.50	Isercare Gp♣	147	+2	...	2.2	15.5
30.40	Isoron	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.7
3,620.50	Jardine Math	513	-5	...	2.4	18.6
950.80	Johnson Math	502	+14	...	2.6	22.0
61.80	Johnson & FB	44	+2	3.0	8.5	13.6
17.10	Johnston	163	-1	3.2	2.3	...
3.28	Jones Shipman	27	-1	...	...	...
6.06	Jourdan (T)	32	-1	0.7	3.0	...
14.00	Kalamazoo	76	+1	2.1	3.5	12.7
216.50	Kalon	163½	-4	...	2.5	22.5
7.99	Kelsey Ind	280	...	13.0	...	...
186.00	Kershaw (A)	535	+2	27.0	6.3	27.8
27.00	Kleeneze	195	-10	...	...	...
6.58	LGW♣	148	-2	3.0	2.6	12.1
404.80	Laird	346	-2	...	3.8	17.0
30.70	Lilleshall	167 ↑	...	...	3.4	20.6
11.10	Lincat♣	163	+1	...	3.9	14.1
3.07	Lincoln Hse	19	+½	...	...	15.6
14.50	Linread	121	+½	3.7	3.9	18.7
32.20	Linton Park	240	+17	...	7.3	8.7
34.50	Lionheart	12½	+½	0.2	2.0	...
6.30	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
385.40	Lon Intl	229	+5	9.4	5.2	17.5
988.50	Lonrho	129	+½	...	3.9	...
370.90	Low & Bonar	380 ↑	+5	...	3.0	53.2
1,560.60	MB-Caradon	340	+26	...	3.3	26.1
299.70	-do- pf	166½	+12	7.2	5.4	...
54.10	ML Hldgs	36	+2	...	...	...
11.30	MS Intl	41	...	...	7.6	42.2
18.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
161.80	Macfarlane	214	+1	...	1.9	24.2
418.60	McKechnie	457	+3	14.7	4.0	22.7
61.10	McLeod Russel	101	+1	6.0	7.4	12.3
17.80	Madden	4	-½	...	...	21.8
5.74	Magnolia	100	+1	0.1	0.1	16.1
16.60	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
41.70	Marling	29¼	...	...	3.5	...
37.00	Mayborne♣	186	...	...	3.4	15.4
112.90	Mayflower	57	+3	...	2.8	47.2
316.60	Medeva	116	+8½	...	2.4	9.3
245.80	Meggitt	114	+2	...	4.1	19.4
99.60	Metair	122	+1	...	3.7	19.8
35.70	Metrotect	148	...	...	2.7	20.6
13.10	Mersec♣	85	+4	...	...	...
36.40	Midsummer	75	...	...	1.3	10.4
7.54	Mining & Aid	27½	...	0.5	2.7	...
155.00	Molins	500	+35	...	3.5	13.0
735.00	Morgan Crble	339	+5	...	4.6	18.1
14.40	Morris Ashby♣	176	-8	...	3.8	13.4
7.94	Neepsend	33 ↑	+6	0.7	2.8	44.3
53.10	Nestor-BNA	71	+9	3.1	5.5	17.0
20.70	Nobo Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	18.4
293.50	Norcros	168	+1	...	5.2	24.5
30.90	Novo Group	49 ↑	+3	...	3.3	15.7
147.30	Nu-Swift	333	...	...	...	∞
3.49	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
14.30	OMI Intl	32	-1	1.7	6.8	...
9.78	PCT♣	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
1.74	Pacer Systems♣	37	...	...	10.3	...
381.90	Pendand	106	-4	...	3.0	14.3
233.40	Photo-Me	393	+1	4.4	1.4	20.0
1,227.60	Pilkington	156	+5	...	3.2	...
57.80	Plansbrook	78	...	3.0	4.8	12.3
217.10	Polypipe	139	...	1.9	1.8	20.1
32.10	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
1.73	Portals Gp♣	9	...	...	...	...
306.00	Powerscreen	355	-4	...	2.3	18.5
30.30	Prospect Inds	17½	-½	0.7	5.4	8.6
6.22	RPS Group♣	52	+2	2.2	5.4	11.3
1.09	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
23.00	Ransom Oil♣	131	+1	...	1.0	43.9
2,431.80	Rank Org	787	+5	31.0	4.9	21.5
10.20	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
2,317.50	Reckitt Colm	618	+9	...	3.3	22.4
24.00	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	35.4
7.40	Reece	5½	-½	...	...	...
51.50	Relyon	245 ↑	+24	4.9	2.5	29.4
126.60	Renishaw	280	...	6.5	3.1	19.9
59.20	Renold	90	+1	...	1.4	...
6,842.00	Reuters	1555	+30	21.2	1.7	25.7
10.00	Rexmore	57 ↑	+3	1.7	3.8	...
48.00	Ricardo Group	152	+2	5.7	4.7	42.7
5.78	Richard (Leics)	69	+1	4.4	8.0	...
23.40	Richardson West	89	...	3.0	4.3	22.5
8.44	Ropner	129	+3	8.2	8.0	18.3
19.80	-do- 'A'	127	-3	8.2	8.1	18.0
32.00	Ross Gp	28	-2	0.6	2.9	11.4
158.00	Rotork	182	+8	...	2.6	21.1
23.20	Rubicon	180	...	...	3.3	∞
14.60	Russell (A)	62	+1	...	2.0	...
16.00	SEP Indl	27 ↑	+2	...	3.5	24.7
573.70	SKF 'B'	900	-12½	...	...	...
52.00	Saville Gordn (J)	52	+1	2.2	3.5	∞
542.90	Scapa	232	-3½	...	3.0	17.7
149.90	Schroll	223	+3	...	3.5	16.2
1.97	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
44.50	Securicor	1073	...	2.6	0.3	40.8
604.30	-do- 'A'	747	-1	2.6	0.4	28.4
891.70	Security Serv	631	-12	5.0	1.0	31.2
279.80	Senior Eng	116½	...	...	3.4	19.4
93.60	Seton Health	315	+11	...	2.3	18.6
3.31	Sheldon Jones♣	64	+1	...	...	...
7.22	Shiloh	125	+7	2.9	2.9	13.5
178.30	Sidlaw	326	+18	...	3.8	20.8
2,075.80	Siebe	535	-23	...	2.3	19.8
174.60	Silentnight	370	+7	...	2.7	21.8
1,027.00	Sime Darby	123	+4	...	3.6	14.1
73.40	Simon Eng	73	+7	5.0	8.6	16.7
44.00	Sinclair (Wm)	202	+7	7.0	4.3	13.0
20.50	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
1,527.00	Smith & Neph	149½	+3½	...	3.9	16.3
6,301.50	SmithKline	461 ↑	+11	8.6	2.3	16.2
5,371.00	Smithkline Uts	410 ↑	+13	...	3.2	14.8
1,145.00	Smiths Ind	385	...	11.2	3.7	15.7
67.80	Slim Bos	70	+9	3.3	6.0	6.6
46.00	Spandex♣	428	...	...	1.9	19.0
27.60	Spear (JW)	525	-25	4.0	3.4	9.7
280.80	Spirax-Sarco	371	+1	...	3.1	23.5
280.90	Spring Ram	76	+1¾	...	0.6	20.8
296.40	Staveley	260	+2	...	4.1	14.7
45.10	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	24.7
123.00	Stonehill	22	-2½	...	...	...
196.20	Suter	180	-5	8.8	6.1	18.8
	Swire Pacific 'A'	313	-30	...	2.8	∞
5.52	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
5.83	Sykes-Pick	63	-1	...	7.9	12.1
22.40	Sytone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
1,716.80	TI	370 ↑	+13	...	3.6	25.3
6.10	TLS Range♣	27	+2	...	1.2	...
284.40	TT Group	278	+5	...	3.0	17.1
215.50	Talrore	261	+1	1.8	0.9	19.0
7,306.40	Takeda Chem	834	+10	...	0.5	21.9
4.05	Tex Hldgs	61	-4	...	...	...
6.85	Tinsley (E)♣	94	...	...	7.2	∞
25.30	Titan♣	225	...	...	2.0	19.6
2,703.90	Tomkins	242½	+8½	...	3.3	17.9
1,181.90	Trafalgar H	111	+2½	...	3.6	8.1
93.60	Transfer Tech	490	+36	16.0	4.1	12.4
112.20	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	...	5.0	20.9
338.60	UniChem	242	-2	5.6	2.9	15.8
72.10	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
12.40	Unigroup	40	-2	...	...	...
8,707.50	Unilever	1075	+19	23.3	2.5	14.6
11,124.30	Unilever (NV)	6925	-31¼	...	2.9	11.6
328.20	VSEL	880	-6	...	4.1	9.4
11.80	Vernon	8½	...	...	...	...
489.50	Vickers	149	-3½	...	1.3	...
136.40	Victaulic	310	+14	...	3.2	15.2
178.30	Vinten	437	-2	...	2.0	20.3
208.90	Vosper Thorny	680	...	...	3.0	36.0
4.77	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	31.7
185.20	Wagon Ind	418 ↑	+9	...	5.2	18.4
89.00	Walker Greenbk	93	...	3.1	4.2	23.7
373.90	Wassall	245	...	2.5	1.3	24.7
283.50	Watford Wdgwd	40	+2	...	...	...
481.40	Weir	310	-35	...	2.4	17.4
6,418.30	Wellcome	742	-3	13.0	2.2	20.5
6.44	Wellman	20	-½	0.9	5.6	32.6
174.40	West Hlthcare	342 ↑	-1	...	1.4	∞
113.50	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
82.60	Whessoe	284	-3	...	3.5	11.0
26.70	Whitecroft	81	-2	...	...	...
10.70	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
20.60	Wilkes (James)	117	+11	3.5	...	33.8
1,715.00	Williams Hldg	350	+3	12.5	4.5	18.3
28.30	Wilshaw	35 ↑	-½	...	1.8	22.1
1,633.40	Wolseley	656	+17	12.5	2.4	22.7
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
13.10	Wyko	40 ↑	...	...	3.1	...
9.28	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
630.30	Alex & Alex	1650 ↑	+6¼	...	4.1	...
4,970.30	Am Gen	2300	+56¾	...	3.2	...
12.40	Archer (AJ)	49	+2	4.4	...	23.8
75.30	Bradstock	141 ↑	...	5.1	4.5	17.4
870.80	Britannic	461	+5	...	3.1	...
3,297.90	Com Union	613 ↑	-14	...	5.0	...
105.90	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
85.00	FAI	35	-1	...	...	...
3,111.90	Gen Accident	690	-2	26.7	4.9	...
1,927.00	GRE	232	+13	7.0	4.0	18.2
262.30	Heath C E	406	+1	...	4.9	...
143.60	Hogg Gp	223	+3	8.1	4.6	20.2
214.00	JIB Group	194	-11	7.5	4.8	19.6
2,371.70	Legal & Gen	486	-3	...	4.9	29.5
2,165.40	Liberty Life	945	-26	...	3.1	16.1
2,886.00	Lloyds Abbey	429	-4	17.3	5.0	15.4
213.10	Lloyd Thomp	332	-6	5.6	2.1	24.4
413.70	Londn & Man	345	-8	14.2	5.2	25.4
124.50	Lowndes Lmb	443 ↑	+14	13.5	3.8	15.9
4,364.00	Marsh McLn	5950	+6¼	...	3.0	...
14.10	Odel	99	+3	...	6.3	...
22.30	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
6,390.20	Prudential	339	-5¾	...	4.4	22.5
307.80	Refuge	988	+25	31.5	4.0	27.4
2,070.30	Royal	319	-15	...	2.6	...
996.80	Sedgwick	194 ↑	-1	...	3.9	23.5
117.90	Steel Burrill	252	...	...	6.6	14.9
43.50	Sturge Hldgs	85	+6	8.2	...	8.7
3,139.50	Sun Alliance	390	-3	14.2	4.6	...
100.50	Trade Indemnty	55	...	...	...	...
966.40	Transatlantic	330 ↑	+2	12.0	4.5	30.6
520.30	Utd Friendly	685	+10	14.5	2.9	27.7
984.60	Willis Corroon	236	+1	...	3.5	50.4
5.24	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
912.70	Alliance	1811	+35	45.0	3.1	39.3
209.90	Amer Trust	252	-4	4.9	2.4	52.3
459.10	Ang & O'seas	402 ↑	+3	6.8	2.1	51.0
74.00	BZW Conv	146½	+6	7.8	6.7	17.1
281.90	Bankers	182	+3	3.4	2.4	50.0
162.60	Baring Tribune	317	+7	6.4	2.5	50.1
9.78	Berry Starq	188	+2	2.2	1.5	61.1
420.50	Br Assets	109½	+3	...	4.9	28.5
107.70	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
3.29	-do- Wnts	28½	...	...	...	...
617.80	Br Inv	198	+10	4.5	2.8	44.6
41.00	Contl Asset	189	+4	2.4	1.6	62.9
17.80	Derby Inc	151	+1	...	11.8	9.1
42.60	-do- Cap	278	-2	...	...	...
9.98	Drayton Blue	70	+1	8.4	13.3	8.8
36.70	-do- Eng Intl	81	+1	1.2	1.9	...
149.10	-do- Far East	129	+1	0.6	0.6	...
25.80	-do- Korea	112	-4	0.5	0.6	...
210.50	Dunedin Inc G	664	+9	25.4	4.8	30.1
40.00	-do- Japan	100	+2½	...	...	...
4.24	-do- Warrants	53	-1	...	...	...
232.50	-do- Wrde	694	+9	9.5	1.7	71.5
49.10	Dundee & Lon	202	+1	...	3.9	26.9
877.00	Edinburgh	298½	+1½	8.4	3.5	32.7
491.30	Electra Inv	284	+3	6.7	2.9	38.7
171.80	Electric Gen	190 ↑	+3	3.1	2.0	∞
1.70	English Scot	113	+1	...	...	...
74.10	European Asset	297	+1	...	2.4	38.6
29.50	Finsbury 'A'	123	+2	3.0	3.0	39.6
189.30	Fleming Amer	286	...	0.7	0.3	...
114.60	-do- Claver	215	-3	...	3.1	42.4
205.70	Do Contl	315	-2	2.7	1.1	...
80.80	-do- Entp	202 ↑	+2	4.7	2.9	∞
483.80	-do- F East	320	-5	1.1	0.4	...
41.00	-do- Fledg	325	+7	3.0	1.2	...
30.00	-do- Hi Inc	105	+1	...	5.2	18.0
277.90	-do- Japan	241	-5	0.3	0.2	...
417.60	-do- Merc	289	+6	6.7	2.9	61.5
385.10	-do- Oseas	290	+2	4.0	1.7	60.2
1,324.30	Foreign & Col	252 ↑	-1	...	1.7	68.6
126.30	-do- Eurotr	214	+½	1.2	0.7	...
48.70	-do- German	124	+1	0.5	0.5	...
318.40	-do- Pacific	290	-9	1.9	0.8	...
144.50	-do- Smaller	162	+2	1.8	1.4	...
157.20	GT Japan	252	-5	...	0.6	...
27.00	Genl Cons Cap	149	+6	...	...	...
40.90	-do- Inc	113 ↑	...	...	9.3	11.7
35.20	Govett Ast Smlr	141	+1	...	...	...
546.30	-do- Oriental	304	-4	0.9	0.4	...
276.90	-do- Strategy	292	+3	...	3.0	34.9
43.50	Greenfriar	396	+4	...	2.0	59.5
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
51.20	Independent Inv	55	+1½	0.6	1.4	∞
353.80	Inv Cap	143	+2	5.1	4.5	28.7
27.80	IRS UK Smlr	96	...	2.8	1.6	26.8
166.50	Kleinwort Chrl	208	+4	5.0	3.0	40.5
187.30	-do- O'seas	233¼	+½	3.3	1.8	66.3
17.80	-do- Smlr	127	+2	4.0	3.9	20.8
153.00	Law Debenture	674 ↑	-3	18.2	3.4	33.7
101.90	Majedie	194	+4	...	3.1	37.5
273.10	Merchants	267	-2	10.6	5.0	34.8
6,435.70	Merrill Lynch	6262¼	+225	...	1.7	62.1
380.20	Mercs Inv Tst	490	+3	...	4.3	26.4
32.50	Morg Gren Inc	173	...	...	...	...
2.34	Do Warrants	48	+1	...	0.4	...
16.50	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	...	...
1.08	Do Wts	18	-3	...	...	...
288.30	Murray Income	344	+5	10.9	4.0	∞
406.30	-do- Intl	239	+1	11.6	4.3	30.2
214.30	-do- Small	382	+6	...	1.4	...
5.11	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
5.24	-do- S/C Cap	133	-1	...	4.5	...
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	...	...
9.22	-do- S/C DP	154	+½	...	4.1	24.6
77.10	-do- Vent	312	-2	0.2	0.3	...
80.50	New Frontier	89½	+2½	6.7	0.7	16.3
34.00	Nwthrop Inc	87	+7	2.8	1.1	...
126.50	O'seas Inv Tst	332	+4	1.1	0.3	...
78.20	Pacific Assets	395	-10	...	...	...
11.50	Do Warrants	299	-10	...	2.4	49.6
12.80	Personal Assets	8300	...	1.1	0.9	...
278.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	155	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
24.50	River & Merc	122 ↑	...	...	3.0	...
	Robeco	418	...	...	1.8	...
	Rolinco	418	...	...	...	...
94.90	St Andrew Inv	276 ↑	-3	7.5	3.4	37.1
348.80	Scot American	156 ↑	+3½	...	3.7	33.0
45.80	Scott Asian	218	-3	...	...	...
3.49	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
516.40	-do- Eastern	81½	+2½	1.5	2.3	53.2
564.80	Scottish	222	+6	4.6	2.6	46.0
800.80	-do- Mrtge	222	+½	4.0	2.3	57.6
45.00	-do- Value	94	+2	...	2.4	66.9
304.50	Second Alliance	1586	-4	38.5	2.9	42.6
286.70	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	-1½	3.2	4.5	29.6
45.10	Selective Asset	158	...	1.2	1.0	56.1
41.50	Sphere Inv	34	...	3.1	11.7	10.7
71.60	TR Far East	154 ↑	-4	4.5	3.7	33.8
294.40	TR City Of Lon	154 ↑	+4	4.8	3.9	∞
108.50	TR Pacific	182	-1	0.3	0.3	...
86.70	TR Property	30½	+1	0.9	3.7	32.0
44.00	TR Tech Inv	100	+5	1.7	2.2	37.1
350.20	TR Smlr Cos	196½	+2	3.8	2.4	∞
193.10	Temple Bar	337 ↑	-2	13.2	4.9	25.4
94.00	Trustin Asian E	94	-3	0.5	0.7	...
238.50	Throgmorton	79½	+1½	2.3	3.7	32.1
19.20	Throg Dual Cp	548	+5	...	...	...
84.20	USDC Invest	230	+1	4.5	2.4	42.3
45.60	Value Inc Tst	107½	+½	3.6	4.2	27.0
423.40	Whitbread Inv	671	+2	16.5	3.1	40.1
806.90	Witan	215	+2½	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
367.10	Airtours	399	+25	7.2	2.3	14.1
37.70	Ald Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
147.00	Anglia TV	331	+2	...	3.5	15.3
13.70	Baldwin	75 ↑	+1	3.0	5.0	10.2
22.00	Barr & W 'A'	222	-7	10.0	5.6	14.3
48.60	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
13.90	Border TV♣	136	...	...	3.1	∞
18.00	Brent Walker	8½	-½	...	...	...
2.96	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
6.33	Buckingham Intl	5½	...	...	...	...
14.10	Campari	136	...	...	...	11.0
162.80	Capital Radio	239	+14	5.2	2.9	26.5
1,584.00	Carlton Comm	796	-9	17.0	2.7	23.5
11.50	Castle Comm♣	185	+10	...	5.7	16.9
529.40	Central TV	1968	+5	38.0	2.4	21.4
22.40	Chrysalis	77	+9	...	...	...
519.70	Compass Gp	580	-8	...	2.8	17.4
57.10	Eurocamp	217	-13	9.7	5.6	9.0
1,135.60	Euro Disney	668	+28	...	1.7	...
8.90	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
21.90	Ex-Lands	31½	-½	...	...	...
9.45	Fairline Boats	270	+5	10.5	4.9	...
480.60	First Leisure	285	-9	6.1	2.6	20.3
15.80	GWR Gp♣	515	+5	...	1.7	26.5
33.60	Grampian	238	...	6.1	3.2	16.5
0.98	Greenwich Comm♣	14	...	...	...	...
43.90	HTV Group	62	-3	...	...	27.5
27.00	Hi-Tec Sports	58	+3	...	4.3	...
27.70	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
411.90	LWT CP	465	...	...	1.3	21.5
59.40	Man Utd	487	+7	18.0	4.6	16.7
137.00	Owners Abrd	84	+5	3.5	5.3	6.6
28.40	The Pelican Gp	73	+4	...	1.9	∞
11.10	Prism Leisure♣	136	+1	...	3.0	12.6
7.02	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
28.80	Radio Clyde♣	320	+6	...	3.3	25.1
11.90	Ramsdens (H)	198	+7	...	2.8	26.3
250.10	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
14.50	Southern Radio	51	+10	0.7	1.9	21.2
114.60	Stanley Leisure	257	+7	4.3	2.1	20.3
7.82	Sunleigh♣	8½	+1	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
21.10	Ticketing♣	2½	...	...	...	...
15.20	Tottenhm Hot	95	+1	...	...	3.1
22.70	Trans World♣	57	+2	...	1.8	20.8
51.10	Ulster TV	487	-1	10.0	2.6	14.9
72.40	Vardon	99	-2	0.7	0.9	23.4
46.40	Wembley	18	+2½	0.2	1.4	...
12.20	Whitegate	42	...	...	...	...
108.90	Yorkshire TV	216	+2	12.0	6.9	6.5
7.48	Zetters Gp	114 ↑	-1	8.0	8.8	∞

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,110.80	Am Gold	4600	+118½	...	4.5	22.1
349.50	Ang Am Coal	1387½	-37½	...	6.7	7.0
4,787.10	Ang Am	2062½	+12½	...	3.4	17.0
21.40	Anglo Pac Res♣	27½	+3½	...	...	...
26.90	Blyvoors	112	-1	...	5.5	6.2
4.06	Bracken	29	-3	...	...	1.5
70.60	Buffels	642	-4	...	10.2	∞
4.71	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
4,088.00	CRA	689	-2	...	3.0	22.2
21.40	Cluff Res	29½	-3½	...	...	...
4,705.00	De Beers	1237½	+12½	...	4.1	16.0
119.40	Deelkraal	120	-13	...	1.7	∞
17.20	Doornfontein	43	-10	...	...	...
1,352.50	Driefontein	683	-37	...	4.6	∞
11.60	Durban	500	-30	...	...	...
55.50	E Rand Gold	121	-10	...	9.7	3.3
34.80	E Rand Prop	209	-6	...	...	...
120.30	Elandsrand	333	-39	...	3.7	7.7
847.80	FS Cons	720	-13	...	7.1	8.6
12.00	FS Dev	54	-9	...	...	...
1,151.10	GFSA	1194	-118	...	3.4	∞
2,091.70	Gencor	152	-5	...	6.5	11.8
247.60	GM Kalgoorli	49½	-1	...	2.8	12.1
12.10	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½	...	...	...
10.80	Grootvlei	95	-15	...	11.2	5.5
78.00	Harmony	250	-5	...	...	...
317.00	Hartles	283	-32	...	6.9	∞
32.00	Inocoa	15½	+½	...	...	...
487.60	Impala Plat	784	-25	...	3.6	25.6
9.26	Kenmare Res♣	9½	-½	...	...	...
149.90	Kinross	833	-53	...	6.1	9.1
855.20	Kloof	617	-8	...	3.6	∞
15.70	Leslie	98	-3	...	4.3	9.8
25.70	Loraine	157	-5	...	...	...
123.60	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	∞
1,371.60	MIM	98	-4	...	2.3	44.7
1,990.80	Minorco	1162	-13	...	3.4	12.9
846.60	Nth Brkn Hill	133	-1	...	3.7	20.5
410.90	Orange Free	1825	-49½	...	7.2	13.9
7,801.80	RTZ	734	+37	...	3.5	22.6
88.50	Rand Mines	593½	...	...	9.9	2.7
321.00	Randfontein	525	-13	...	5.7	∞
330.10	Renison	166	-13	...	2.7	16.1
1,331.50	Rustnbrg	1062½	-37½	...	3.1	∞
47.40	St Helena	492	+12	...	5.0	9.9
439.40	Southvaal	1690	-74	...	3.4	29.2
11.40	Stilfontein	87	-9	...	7.3	15.1
33.30	Unisel	119	+1	...	2.6	11.5
5,821.70	Vaal Reefs	4887½	+12½	...	4.5	8.4
164.70	Welkom	466	-18	...	7.3	13.8
110.00	Western Areas	273	-12	...	1.6	∞
588.90	Western Deep	2125	-31½	...	3.0	9.8
2,418.00	Wstrn Mining	252	-4	...	...	...
105.50	Winkels	866	-11	...	1.2	7.1
83.30	Zambia Copper	68	+5	...	...	...
63.80	Zandpan	49	+9	...	6.3	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.66	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
11.10	Airflow Streams	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
74.60	Appleyard	158	-1	5.2	4.1	...
13.90	Bletchley Mtr	305	+10	...	3.6	15.6
25.30	Bostrom	160	+2	6.0	4.8	27.9
1,701.00	Br Aerospace	450	+1	7.0	1.9	...
53.00	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
12.90	Caffyns	388	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
17.10	Caverdale	12	+1	...	...	...
17.80	Central Mtr♣	133 ↑	...	...	3.8	33.8
11.50	Cook (DC)♣	27 ↑	...	...	2.8	∞
349.00	Cowie (T)	247 ↑	-15	6.2	3.2	18.6
24.00	Dag Motors	133	...	5.7	5.4	24.0
30.30	Davenpt Vern	155	+5	...	3.3	19.6
29.20	ERF	298	+2	2.0	0.8	...
49.10	European Mtr	131	+1	...	3.3	18.4
84.90	Evans Halshaw	395	+2	11.8	3.6	60.5
210.20	FR Group	281	+7	...	3.2	13.1
16,840.00	Ford Motor	3450 ↑	+68½	...	...	...
22,176.00	General Mtr	3137¼	+112½	...	1.6	...
6.80	Gowrings	75	+2	2.0	3.3	...
86.60	Henlys	222	+1	3.0	1.7	...
8,918.50	Honda Motor	916	+46	...	0.6	...
2.81	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
8.64	Jessups	102	-6	4.5	5.5	...
283.80	Kwik-Fit	166	+2	...	2.5	29.5
385.30	Lex Service	409 ↑	-9	...	3.2	22.4
30.30	Lookers	158 ↑	+4	6.2	4.9	...
1,126.20	Lucas	159	+5	7.0	5.5	...
20.90	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
106.50	Pendragon	276	+1	...	3.0	22.3
37.20	Perry Gp	198	...	6.0	3.8	...
42.30	Quicks Group	185	+2	...	3.1	23.4
1,553.40	Rolls-Royce	160	+3½	...	3.9	...
984.10	T & N	213	-6	...	6.4	34.1
106.00	Trinity Hldgs	208	+3	...	3.3	∞
73.70	Vardy (Reg)	163	+2	...	3.2	22.8
232.70	Westland	244	+23	4.2	2.2	21.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.60	Adscene	166	...	4.0	3.0	17.7
5.24	Black (A&C)	340	-2	13.5	5.0	13.9
414.40	Blenheim Gp	449	-9	...	2.5	16.7
56.20	Bristol	345	+2	...	4.3	31.1
505.00	Daily Mail	£101	...	13.0	1.6	22.7
501.80	Daily Mail 'A'	£100½	-25	13.0	1.6	22.7
183.00	Dorling Kind	297	+4	...	1.3	28.4
628.10	EMAP	362	+8	...	2.7	22.3
217.00	Euromoney Pb	1078	+20	29.5	3.4	24.3
21.40	Harrington K	224	+17	4.5	2.5	18.5
42.80	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.8	18.0
122.50	Hodder H'line	355	...	5.0	1.6	30.2
13.90	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	...
20.20	Intl Bus Comm	133	...	...	...	19.2
5.52	Int Cm & Data♣	8	+½	...	...	...
309.80	Independent	395	+20	...	3.0	19.2
172.80	Johnstne Press	361	+4	8.2	1.4	24.3
30.70	Metal Bulletin	315 ‡	...	8.0	3.2	22.2
705.40	Mirror Gp	176	+1	...	...	...
7,900.40	News Corp	437	+19	...	0.3	∞
1,837.10	News Intl	286	+8	1.3	0.6	∞
2,701.60	Pearson	493	+10	...	3.0	30.1
75.10	Portsmth Sund	626	+2	...	1.9	17.3
4,022.40	Reed Intl	717	+6	...	3.0	31.0
22.40	Southnews	148	+7	...	1.8	22.4
55.60	Sterling Pub♣	170	...	...	2.2	18.5
562.90	Telegraph	420	-32	...	3.3	17.4
4,070.70	Thomson Corp	715 ↑	-30	...	2.1	35.7
266.00	Trinity Intl	386	+7	8.7	2.8	23.1
1.55	Unit Group♣	29	...	...	...	...
1,396.70	Utd Nwspprs	575	+7	...	4.7	17.0

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
87.00	Aran Energy	31	-5	...	...	30.2
24.90	Arcon Intl♣	43	...	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	69½	+2½	...	...	...
20.20	Aviva Pet	84	-5	...	...	...
4.00	Beverley	11½	-¼	...	...	...
91.30	Br Borneo	203	+1	7.1	4.4	6.1
14,284.20	British Gas	330½	-1	14.2	5.4	10.0
17,424.00	Br Petroleum	320 ↑	+21½	8.4	3.3	25.1
13.70	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
1,483.70	Burmah Castrl	785	+2	...	4.0	18.3
38.90	Cairn Energy	60	+7	...	...	8.6
465.60	Calor Gp	277	+28	...	5.4	23.1
215.70	Clyde Pet	54	+1½	...	...	...
39.50	Copley Res	39	-1	...	...	...
3.26	Edin Oil & Gas	19½	...	...	...	...
2,294.40	Enterprise	480	+40	16.0	4.2	59.2
41.30	Exp Co Louis	39	+4	...	...	...
62.30	Fairhaven Intl	25½	-1	...	2.3	9.1
79.10	Goal Pet	59	+1	1.4	3.0	11.5
39.90	Gt Western Res	44	+2	...	...	...
190.40	Hardy O & G	174	+20	...	0.7	16.2
59.40	Hall Energy	42	-2	...	...	...
1,151.10	LASMO	153½	+17	3.3	2.7	31.1
5.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
22.90	Mid Scot Res♣	11	-2	...	...	...
233.80	Monument	50½	+2	...	...	...
6.93	New London	5½	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	...	...	...
97.90	Oil Search	32	...	...	...	...
	Petroz	14½	-½	...	...	...
69.10	Pict Pet	134	-15	...	...	18.6
136.50	Premier	25	-½	...	...	9.2
29.20	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
315.10	Ranger	320	-10	...	5.0	...
35,084.00	Royal Dtch Fl	6712½	+165½	...	4.5	16.8
10,625.10	Schlumberger	4387½	+31½	...	1.8	...
27.20	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
22,475.70	Shell	678	+27½	21.9	4.0	20.9
5.24	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	4.5	...
21.40	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
11.10	Villers Grp	11 ↑	-½	...	...	...
1,010.00	Woodside	151½	-9½	...	2.4	...

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23.80	AG Holdings	132	+1	...	5.0	12.0
68.80	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	28.1
1,678.80	Arjo Wiggins	207	+12	...	3.9	20.3
80.10	Abbott Mead	534	+11	9.3	2.2	27.7
3.51	Acsis Group	1½ #	...	...	...	...
61.90	Aegis Gp	38	+3	...	...	...
17.50	Aspen Comm♣	135	+1	...	4.6	12.1
1.06	BBB Design♣	13	...	...	...	...
101.80	Bemrose	404	+11	...	3.6	16.0
2.32	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.0
617.90	Bunzl	146	+9	4.0	3.4	22.0
35.30	CIA Gp	302 ↑	+2	...	1.8	19.1
60.50	Capital Inds	227	+3	...	1.8	21.7
5.95	City Of Lon♣	77	+1	...	6.3	14.2
19.00	Cropper (James)	236	+4	3.1	1.6	22.8
3.66	Crown Comm♣	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.63	Delyn Pckging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
25.00	Dolphin Pack	100	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
9.07	Dudley Jenkins♣	79 ↑	+7	...	4.9	18.0
24.70	Elswick	12	...	...	3.1	15.4
20.40	Fairway Group♣	66 ↑	+2	3.1	6.0	19.5
109.20	Ferguson Intl	334	+14	...	4.7	15.1
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
30.70	Filofax♣	137	+4	...	1.1	17.6
5.51	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
10.80	Gibbon Lyons♣	130	...	...	5.2	13.5
75.00	Gold Greenless	285	-2	8.3	3.7	∞
1.59	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
28.90	Hunterprint	50	...	...	...	...
8.58	Intereurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	10.5
79.80	Jarvis Porter	251	+1	...	2.3	23.4
13.30	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
99.80	More O'Ferrall	309	+1	13.2	5.3	37.0
50.60	NMC Group	127	...	2.0	2.0	19.4
8.48	Osborne & Little	140	+7	...	4.1	15.4
338.50	Portals	524	+19	...	3.5	17.9
42.90	Quarto	259	+5	5.3	2.5	14.3
303.30	St Ives Gp	307	+2	5.2	2.1	20.9
360.60	Saatchi	164	-2	...	...	...
540.60	Sappi	360	-22	...	10.3	6.9
5.32	Serif♣	21½	+2	...	...	...
20.20	Shandwick	24½	-½	...	...	...
601.40	Smith David	389	-4	...	3.2	20.4
1,215.60	Smurfit (Jeff)	249	-2	...	2.9	16.9
1.22	Sonic	61	-2	1.5	3.1	25.0
49.20	Star-Plus	239	+1	8.0	4.4	20.4
59.60	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
4.97	VTR♣	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
440.30	WPP	96	+6	...	1.3	3.6
120.30	Wace	161	+18	...	...	...
205.60	Waddington (J)	256	+1	...	3.9	19.2
241.00	Watmough	728	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
6.97	Westport♣	6	...	...	...	...
1.72	Whitney Mcke♣	24	...	...	...	...
13.00	Wood (SW)	79	+1	...	2.0	16.9

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
67.50	Allied Lon	97	+4	3.5	4.5	...
5.49	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
21.20	Ascot Hldgs	6	-½	...	...	...
79.30	Asda	101	+4	...	2.6	10.6
59.00	Avonside	136	+1	4.0	3.7	19.0
6,929.90	BCE♣	2262½	+25	...	...	...
281.90	Bilton	645	+38	18.9	3.7	23.3
7.91	Bourne End	92	-3	1.0	1.4	...
319.00	Bradford	222	+5	5.4	3.0	22.5
5.14	Bredero	14	+½	...	...	...
1,142.70	Br Land	380	+13	...	2.3	34.6
521.30	Brixton	225	-9	...	4.6	17.8
143.10	Burford	77	+4	...	1.9	...
49.30	Cap & Regnl♣	165	+1	...	0.8	...
5.31	Cardiff Prop	205	+10	2.4	1.5	...
80.00	Chesterfield	428	+11	11.0	3.2	30.6
6.32	City Site Ests	41	+2	1.4	...	...
4.33	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
26.90	Conrad Rbiat GS	50	-1	...	...	...
202.90	Daejan	1245 ↑	+20	...	2.7	15.4
4.19	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
41.10	Debenham Twsn	94	+5	...	4.0	18.3
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
26.60	Dencora	149	+16	3.0	2.5	...
62.90	Derwent Hldgs	540	+40	8.6	2.0	67.3
51.80	Development Sec	44½	+1½	...	...	...
13.90	Dwyer	54	+2	...	...	...
18.00	Estates Agency	300	+40	3.0	...	27.5
4.49	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
136.60	Evans Of Leeds	206	-4	...	2.8	18.2
14.80	Five Oaks	31½	+1½	...	...	...
5.21	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
230.40	Frogmore	459	+5	...	4.1	26.7
39.60	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
643.80	Gr Portland	211	+8	...	5.9	20.2
21.90	Greycoat	25	+5	5.2	...	...
3,969.40	HK Land	147	-1	...	4.4	20.1
246.40	Hambro Cntyw	75	+7½	0.5	0.8	...
208.50	Hammerson	392	...	10.0	3.2	39.7
700.00	-do- 'A'	364	+4	10.0	3.4	36.8
41.10	Helical Bar	253	...	...	2.4	9.1
30.80	Hemingway	32½	+2½	...	...	...
12.50	Herring Baker	78	+12	3.7	6.0	19.6
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,430.70	Land Sec	678	+8	22.8	4.2	20.4
251.70	Lon Merch Sec	104	-3	4.0	4.8	16.2
1.99	Lon & Metro	3½	-½	...	...	...
1,906.10	MEPC	491	+1	...	5.1	21.1
3.42	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
35.90	McKay Secs	132 ↑	...	3.5	3.3	∞
7.02	Markheath	5½	+½	0.5	...	...
5.67	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
4.40	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
58.40	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
164.00	Muckiow (A&J)	168	+2	5.9	4.4	23.6
5.98	Olives Prop	35	-1	1.5	5.4	...
4.55	Osbory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
185.70	PSIT	153 ↑	+10	4.1	3.4	30.3
228.20	Peel	286 ↑	+13	4.0	1.7	∞
8.14	Power Corp	7	-1	...	...	0.8
8.35	Property Trust	44	+7	...	...	∞
14.60	Raglan	47	+2	...	...	...
21.10	Regalian	18	-2	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
46.70	St Modwen Prp	40	+4	0.6	1.9	30.5
22.20	Savills	60	+2	...	2.1	23.8
88.40	Scot Met	91	+2	1.5	...	...
24.10	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
7.16	Shield	12	-1	...	...	6.3
923.00	Slough Estates	240	...	...	4.3	16.6
71.00	Southend Prop	77	+5	4.2	6.9	...
40.50	Stanhope Prps	28	+4	...	...	...
84.60	Tops Ests	186 ↑	+2	2.1	1.4	65.6
126.60	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
51.50	Trafford Park	76	+1	2.5	4.2	20.5
3.44	UK Land	9½	-3½	...	...	...
9.67	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
123.90	Warner	255	-2	10.5	5.1	23.3
82.60	Warnford	215 ↑	+25	7.5	4.4	15.8
2.26	Wasergiade	2½	-½	...	...	...
104.40	Wates	87	+5	0.7	...	...
5.58	Wood John D♣	68	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.91	Automagic♣	16	+1	...	1.9	37.9
57.20	Headlam	168	+8	...	...	...
19.00	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
13.70	Pittards	63	+1	2.0	4.0	18.0
46.00	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
34.30	Stylo	179 ↑	...	...	2.1	68.5
14.00	UK Safety	66	+1	...	23.8	2.2

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
138.40	Allied Text	484 ↑	+1	12.6	3.3	15.6
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	-4	4.7	...	12.1
3.20	Bolton Gp	34	-1	...	...	17.3
22.40	Br Mohair	169	-1	8.5	6.3	15.8
2.56	Chartwell♣	41	-2	...	...	...
136.20	Claremont Ga	338	-1	7.2	2.7	21.1
573.70	Courtauld Text	568	+14	13.6	3.0	15.5
5.20	Cupid♣	29	+1	...	...	...
352.10	Dawson	226	+2	...	3.0	17.2
6.17	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
9.35	Faupel♣	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
2.52	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
5.78	Gaskell	119	+2	4.2	4.5	...
35.30	Hicking Pntcst	214	+16	...	2.3	16.6
4.66	Jerome (S)	62	+1	...	...	...
105.00	Lamont	350	+6	12.0	4.3	23.1
95.80	Leeds	504	+8	...	1.8	24.3
6.92	Lister	42	...	0.1	0.3	...
6.39	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
41.30	Magellan	178	+2	1.4	1.0	...
9.46	Parkland 'A'	165	-1	2.0	1.5	...
193.40	Readicut	100½	+1½	...	4.3	18.9
1.93	SEET	48	+2	...	...	...
55.60	Sirdar	104	+3	5.1	6.2	18.3
60.80	Stirling Gp	70 ↑	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
32.30	Stoddard	46	+1	...	4.1	42.8
18.60	Tomkinsons	299	-1	11.5	4.8	25.8
6.65	West Trust	41 ↑	+5	2.5	7.8	∞
17.90	Yorklyde	182	-2	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,641.80	BAT	476	-6	...	4.9	14.3
4,340.90	Rothmans 'B'	717½	+27½	11.5	2.0	14.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
876.60	Assoc Br Ports	468	+2	...	2.3	...
4,155.40	BAA	818	+38	...	2.4	22.3
3,301.50	Br Airways	355	+7	...	3.7	19.5
22.60	Clarkson (H)	99	+6	1.5	1.9	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,273.50	Eurotunnel Uts	477	+10	...	...	...
20.20	Fisher (James)	82	+15	1.0	1.3	22.0
30.80	IoM Steam	205	+3	...	4.9	10.7
7.37	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
11.80	Lon O'Seas Frts	77	...	...	1.6	15.1
118.00	Manchstr Sh	2950	+125	4.5	0.2	16.1
226.00	Mersey Docks	376	+4	7.5	2.5	23.9
104.10	Nat Express	283	+6	...	3.4	18.8
1,554.60	NFC	277	+6	6.5	3.0	21.0
500.50	Ocean Group	325	+1	...	5.5	27.0
29.00	Ocean Wilson	73	+5	4.0	6.8	13.2
3,636.10	P & O Dfd	647	-11	...	3.9	35.1
103.30	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	4.4	...
365.20	Powell Duffryn	555	-5	...	5.1	21.5
16.50	Seacon♣	170	-14	...	3.8	10.5
176.40	Sugecoach	147	+7	...	3.2	∞
289.60	TNT	53	+½	...	...	...
321.00	Tibbet & Britn	738	+1	11.8	2.0	28.3
258.30	Tiphook	235	-4	...	10.3	...
388.00	TDG	265	-2	...	4.5	8.7

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,577.70	Anglian Water	533	+3	...	4.9	10.8
436.80	Northumbrian	648	+10	...	4.3	6.7
1,935.00	North West	519	-5	...	5.2	9.3
1,959.90	Severn Trent	549	+8	...	4.8	8.8
946.30	Sthn Water	568	+10	...	4.7	4.5
86.50	Sth Staffs	1545	+20	47.0	3.8	11.8
703.30	South West	563	+6	...	5.3	9.2
2,109.90	Thames Water	341	+1	...	4.9	10.6
906.20	Welsh Water	628	...	...	4.3	6.3
799.70	Wessex Water	646	+17	...	4.2	9.7
1,109.30	Yorkshire W	558	+2	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; ↑ Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; = Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
600	Fund 6% 1993	100 ↑	...	6.00	...
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.51	5.59
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.40	5.54
950	Treas 14½% 1994	104[illegible]xd	-[illegible]	13.88	5.54
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.84	5.49
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.67	5.46
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.71	5.37
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.64	5.43
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.04	5.42
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96[illegible]	...	3.10	4.89
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.47	5.61
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.15	5.70
770	Treas 14% 1996	118	+[illegible]	11.86	5.82
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.44	5.94
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.23	5.93
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.00	6.09
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	+[illegible]	10.95	6.25
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible] ↑	+[illegible]	9.28	6.22
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	8.05	6.24
830	Exch 15% 1997	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.51	6.51
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	6.39
3,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	103[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	6.98	6.28
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.68	6.05
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.88	6.79

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	11.25	6.62
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.76	6.70
1,000	Treas 9½% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.39	6.52
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125[illegible] ↑	+[illegible]	9.79	6.77
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.89	6.63
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	6.65
4,758	Conv 9% 2000	112[illegible] ↑	+[illegible]	8.00	6.60
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.80	6.94
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.48	6.89
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.24	6.98
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.40	6.85
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	121[illegible] ↑	+1[illegible]	8.23	6.97
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	9.20	7.17
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.35	5.96
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	118[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.02	7.07
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	118[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.00	7.10
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.16	7.35
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.52	7.06
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129[illegible]	+1	9.06	7.31
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	111[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.64	7.19
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144[illegible] ↑	+1[illegible]	9.33	7.35

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	116[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.76	7.23
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	107[illegible] ↑	+1[illegible]	7.47	7.25
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	116[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.69	7.28
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	117[illegible]	+1	7.67	7.28
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85[illegible] ↑	+1[illegible]	6.44	6.88
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.35	7.23
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	107[illegible] ↑	+[illegible]	7.46	7.30
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	140[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.17	7.47
6,500	Treas 8¾% 2017	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.54	7.30

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	47[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.35	...
475	Treas 2½%	33[illegible] ↑	-[illegible]	7.49	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	134[illegible]	+[illegible]	...	0.12
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	159[illegible] ↑	+[illegible]	1.50	2.36
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.89	2.53
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166[illegible] ↑	+1[illegible]	2.65	3.02
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.79	3.10
600	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113	+1[illegible]	2.81	3.10
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	174[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.86	3.09
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.03	3.23
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.07	3.25
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	136[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.10	3.27
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.13	3.29
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.18	3.32
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.18	3.31

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GPA and GE near to rescue package

By Carl Mortished

THE deal to rescue ailing GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing company plucked from the brink of bankruptcy by GE Capital, the American financial giant, is expected to be signed this week. Under the deal, Tony Ryan is to lose the top job at GPA. He built the company into the world's largest aircraft leaser, only to see it nosedive under $5.2 billion of debt. Dennis Stevenson, of management consultants SRU, is to become non-executive chairman of GPA, with Patrick Blaney as chief executive.

The Americans agreed in May to buy 45 aircraft from GPA for $1.35 billion and retain an option to buy more than 80 per cent of its shares over the next four years. Sources close to GPA said the appointment is unlikely to take effect until the restructuring of the group and a $150 million fund-raising from GPA shareholders is finalised in October. Mr Ryan is expected to head GE Capital Aviation Management, a company which will manage the GPA fleet as well as the operations of Polaris Aircraft Leasing, a GE Capital business. He will be joined there by Jim King and Colm Barrington, two senior GPA directors.

The wrangling over the restructuring of GPA has centred on GE Capital's need to protect itself from the burden of the aircraft leasing company's debts. These have now been ring-fenced and the American company is to exercise an option to buy up to 80 per cent of GPA at the same time as its raises funds from shareholders, which include Mitsubishi Trust and Banking and Air Canada.

Dennis Stevenson is to be joined by new non-executives to replace Tony Ryan's collection of retired VIPs. Leaving GPA are: Lord Lawson, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Garret FitzGerald, former Irish premier, and Sir John Harvey-Jones, the business guru and former ICI chairman.

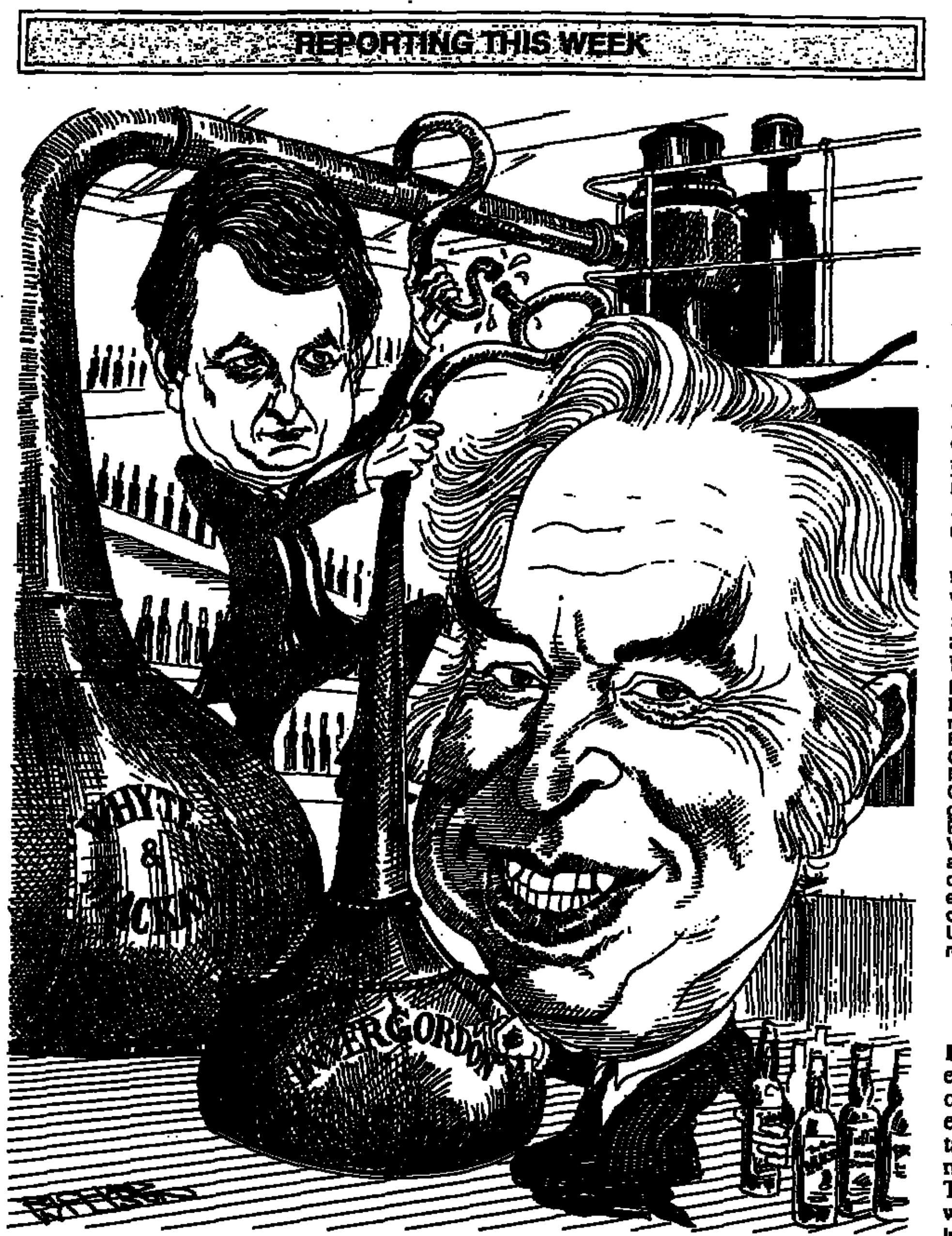
Invergordon under pressure to cope with a whisky chaser

REPORTING THIS WEEK

DRINKS analysts have the chance this week to pore over trading figures from Chris Greig's **Invergordon Distillers**, the Scottish whisky company, but are likely to be as interested in whether Whyte & Mackay, a 41 per cent stakeholder, has the thirst for another takeover bid. Whyte & Mackay was left with the bulk of its stake following its failed £350 million hostile takeover bid for Invergordon in 1991.

Invergordon's shares closed at 295p on Friday, compared with Whyte & Mackay's final offer two years ago of 275p. Speculation has been that the would-be predator, whose chief executive is Michael Lunn, has been biding its time in the hope that difficulties triggered by over supply in the whisky industry would affect Invergordon's profits and drive down the share price to vulnerable levels.

Analysts' forecasts for the latest figures from Invergordon due on Wednesday, range from £10-£15 million, against £14.6 million last time. David Thompson, of Kleinworts, is at the top of the range, and also believes the interim dividend will rise to 2.95p (2.80p).



Chris Greig of Invergordon has Michael Lunn, left, thirsting to try a new takeover bid

TODAY

HSBC Holdings, owners of Midland Bank, reports interim results with a sharp profits leap expected. Natwest Securities is going for pre-tax profits to jump 148 per cent from £521 million to £1,290 million, with the dividend moving up from 4.8p to 5.5p. For the full year it is predicting £2,250 million profits. The increase is partly driven by the inclusion of Midland Bank in the results and translation at HK$11.5, compared with HK$14.73. The broker believes underlying growth is still an impressive 35 per cent.

Interims: Admiral, Astec BSR, Crane Europe, Ferry Pickering, HSBC Holdings, London Finance & Investment, Macfarlane Group, Owen & Robinson, Rhino Group, Severfield-Reeve. **Finals:** Bellwinch, Throgmorton 1000 Smaller. **Economic statistics:** Monthly digest of statistics (Aug), economic trends (Aug).

TOMORROW

Julia Blake, at BZW, believes **Courtaulds Textiles** will come in with half-time profits dipping to £15 million (£17.6 million). However, she thinks the dividend will increase slightly from 4.4p to 4.6p. It is thought European fabrics will have been hit by recession and that destocking in America will have weakened the performance of the US lace business.

Interims: Anglo Pacific Resources, Calderburn, Courtaulds Textiles, Dixon Motors, English & Overseas Property, Henlys Group, INSTEM, Invergordon Distillers, Isle of Man Steam Packet, Johnston Press, Mauritius Fund, Michael Page, Persimmon, Plantsbrook Group, Provident Financial, Senior Engineering, Serco Group, Simon Engineering, Waterford Wedgwood. **Finals:** Union Square. **Economic statistics:** overseas travel and tourism (June).

THURSDAY

Ladbroke Group announces interim trading figures, with most analysts expecting lacklustre, rather than sparkling, results. Brokers are expecting pre-tax profits of between £55 and £70 million, and a held dividend at 4.92p. Julia Pennington at BZW, who is at the top of the range with £70 million, says Ladbroke's hotels arm may have suffered through greater exposure than the likes of Forte to recession-hit mainland Europe. It is thought UK racing may have improved its performance, although Texas DIY is thought to have seen tough trading.

Martin Green, of Smith New Court, predicts that **Sun Alliance**, the composite insurer, will have made interim profits of £65 million following its £98 million loss last time. He forecasts an unchanged dividend of 5.25p.

UBS forecasts **Rolls-Royce**, reporting half-time figures, will produce pre-tax profits of £30 million, up 50 per cent, and a rebalanced dividend of 1.55p (2.55p).

Interims: American Trust, Aran Energy, Ashley Group, British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, Bowater, Burford Holdings, Burmah Castrol, Cookson Group, Gartmore Value Inv (Q1), Grafton Group, Ladbroke Group, Microvitec, Northern Engineering Ind, PCT Group, Psion, Reckitt & Colman, Rolls-Royce, Vickers, Yorkshire Food, Sun Alliance. **Economic statistics:** Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators; cyclical indicators for the UK economy (July), UK official reserves (Aug).

FRIDAY

Pearson, the media conglomerate, that is planning to float off its china and oil interests, is expected to reveal interim pre-tax profits up 22 per cent to £35 million, according to UBS. The broker thinks the interim will be lifted to 5.50p (5.38p).

Interims: Latin American Inv Trst, Pittencrieff, Schroders, Pearson. **Finals:** Peter Black Holdings, China & Eastern Inv, Isotron, Stavert Zigomala. **Economic statistics:** Family spending 1992; monetary statistics, including bank and building society balance sheets, bank and building society sterling lending and M4 quarterly sectoral analysis, M0 figures (Aug); bill turnover statistics (July), sterling commercial paper (July), money market statistics (July), London sterling certificates of deposit (July).

Martin Flanagan

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gatt chief to meet Kohl and Balladur

PETER Sutherland, the new director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, will chair a meeting of its trade negotiations committee this morning to set the work programme for what he hopes will be the final leg of the marathon trade negotiations still termed the Uruguay round. He will then begin a cheer-leading tour, starting tomorrow with talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, moving on to Paris, where he is due to meet Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, on September 8, before journeying to Latin America and America.

Bilateral talks started in parallel yesterday on the issue of the modest cuts in EC agricultural exports agreed in the Blair House deal. France is still rejecting the deal and sought the support of Germany in talks on Thursday. The Germans' friendly support has since been made more equivocal.

Coopers deadline

THE search for a new chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, passes its first deadline today when nominations for the post close (writes Neil Bennett). The job has attracted 14 candidates, including Ed Straw, the brother of Jack Straw, Labour's environment spokesman, and Sir Brian Jenkins, the former Lord Mayor. Speculation about the future chairman is rising within Coopers since all six of the firm's executive partners have put their names forward for the job. The new chairman will take over early next year.

Loss expected at Virgin

INCREASED competition on the transatlantic airline routes, coupled with hefty expansion costs, may have cost Virgin Atlantic Airways as much as £17 million last year. Pre-tax losses of between £10 million and £17 million are expected when Richard Branson's privately-held Voyager travel group reveals its results for the year to end-October 1992 in the coming month. They will bear the mark of Virgin's expansion to Heathrow. Last November, Mr Branson invited staff to take up to six months' unpaid leave to cut costs.

Hoechst weakens

HOECHST became the third German chemicals group this month to announce weaker half-year results when it disclosed pre-tax profits of DM781 million (DM1.13 billion). The competitive disadvantage of a strong mark was cited as one cause. Last week, BASF and Bayer both announced lower profits and forecast that the recession on the Continent would deepen. Hoechst forecasts a difficult second half, while analysts predict a cut in the dividends at Hoechst and BASF. Turnover at Hoechst fell by 2 per cent to DM22.8 billion.

More bottles recalled

A THIRD Dutch brewer, Bavaria, is to withdraw 4.5 million bottles of beer from distribution in Britain and three other European countries. The company uses similar glass bottles to those that have resulted in recalls by Heineken and Allied-Lyons' Oranjeboom. BSN, the French food and drink group that controls Vereenigde Glassfabrieken, which makes the new type of bottle, said that it does not expect to suffer financial loss as a result of the bottle problems because it is protected by insurance cover.

Instinet steps up European activity

By Michael Clark

INSTINET, the New York agency broker that specialises in computer-based trading, is stepping up its assault on Europe's big financial centres, including London, by speaking to institutions and considering an advertising campaign in Britain. This will come as bad news for the City's big securities houses, which feel Instinet is already competing unfairly via its screen-based trading system, which does not log and display trades.

Instinet specialises in working for US fund managers in American-related business around the world on a matched bargain basis. It buys and sells British securities on behalf of American fund managers in London and also trades in British securities on Wall Street.

Instinet is an execution business and does not supply research, making its money on commission. Because of this, its margins are competitive, enabling it to take on the big London securities houses.

Doug Atkin, from New York but now living in London, who heads Instinet's operation in the City, said: "We want to rise on the back of US fund managers. We do not intend to compete with the likes of BZW for research-based business. To do that we would have to go out and employ 50 analysts, and that would cost money."

He knows he has to convince firms in London that Instinet does not pose a threat. He said: "The bulk of our business is transacted on behalf of US institutions, with market-makers in London making up the other side of the transaction."

Answering complaints that Instinet's computerised trading system is secretive and unfair, Mr Atkin said: "We are as transparent as any market-maker. They may not like us, but many of them are still happy to do business with us."

Instinet is already a major force on Wall Street. The company was founded in 1969 and bought by Reuters in 1987. A few years ago it opened an office in London. Mr Atkin said: "It is only in the last 18 months that we have begun to ramp up our resources. Revenues have trebled during the period." Last year, Instinet, which is also making inroads into Paris, Frankfurt and Hong Kong, saw its contribution to group profits climb by more than 50 per cent to £12.7 million. That compares with Reuters' overall pre-tax profit of £214.7 million. Instinet's contribution is expected to grow sharply during the next few years.

WORD-WATCHING

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TUNKET

(a) US dialect and colloquial for Hell, sometimes with initial capital, euphemism and obsolescent, origin doubtful or worse, chiefly in *who (what, why, etc.) in tunket?*; **James Joyce,** *Ulysses*, **1922: "Golly, whatten tunket's yon guy in the mackintosh?"**

BREDIE

(a) A stew of meat and vegetables, Afrikaans, from the Malagasy: "Bredie signifies in the Madagascar tongue *Spinage*; **the word is brought hither by the slaves, and at present, throughout the whole colony, every sort of vegetable which, like cabbage, spinage, or sorrel, is cut to pieces and dressed with Cayenne pepper, is included under the general term** *Bredie*."

EMEUTE

(b) A popular rising or disturbance, from the French *émouvoir* **to agitate, set in motion.**

POIKILITIC

(b) Applied to the structure or texture of a rock (now only an igneous rock), or to the rock itself, in which small crystals of one mineral are enclosed within crystals of another. 1886: "This structure is so common in many massive rocks, especially in the more basic kinds, that I would venture to suggest the use of the term *poicilitic* **(derived from the Greek** *poikilos*, **mottled) for it."**

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The g6-square looks protected, but nevertheless 1 g6! is the key. If 1 ... hxg6 2 Qh8 mate, or 1 ... fxg6 2 Qe6+ and 3 Rhf1+, or finally, 1 ... h5 2 gxf7+ Kxf7 3 Rdf1+ with a quick mate.

WALL STREET

New York — Shares remained firm in mid-morning trading, with the bond market edging higher on a larger than expected second-quarter US balance of payments figure and weaker new homes sales for July. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.15 points at 3,646.78, while advancing issues led declining stocks by nine to six.

Sales of single family homes fell by 5 per cent in July to a seasonally adjusted rate of 629,000 units while the second-quarter balance of payments trade deficit was $34.39 billion, against a forecast $32.3 billion.

☐ **Tokyo** — Sentiment was strong on hopes that the government would adopt steps to support the economy soon, but profit-taking limited gains, brokers said. The Nikkei average ended up 121.01, or 0.58 per cent, at 20,912.69, with about 190 million shares traded. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 30 midday	Aug 27 close
AMP Inc	65	64⅞
AMR Corp	67⅞	67⅞
Abbott Labs	26	26½
Aetna Life	59⅝	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	44	43⅞
Albertson's	54½	54⅝
Alcan Aluminum	20⅞	20⅞
Alco Standard	45⅞	45⅞
Allied Signal	73⅞	73⅞
Alum Co of Am	75⅞	75⅞
Amax	24⅞	24⅞
Amerada Hess	53⅝	54½
Amer Brands	31½	31½
Amer Cyanamid	53⅞	54½
Amer El Power	38⅞	38⅝
Amer Express	32⅝	32⅝
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34⅝
Amer Home Pr	63⅝	63⅞
Amer Intl	95⅞	96
Amer Stores	44⅞	44⅝
Amer T & T	62⅝	62⅞
Ameritech	84⅞	85⅞
Amoco	55⅝	56⅝
Anheuser-Busch	47⅞	47⅝
Apple Computer	26	26½
Archer Daniels	22⅞	22⅝
Arkla	8⅝	8⅝
Armco	6⅞	7
Armstrng Wrld	38⅞	38
Asarco	19⅝	19⅝
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32⅝
Atl Richfield	115⅝	115⅝
Auto Data Pro	48⅝	47⅞
Avery Dennison	26½	26⅝
Avon Products	58⅝	58⅝
Baker Hughes	27⅞	27⅝
Baltim Gas & El	27⅝	27⅝
Banc One	52⅝	52⅝
BankAmerica	46½	46⅝
Bank of NY	52⅝	52⅝
Bankers Tr NY	79⅝	78⅞
Barnett Banks	46½	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	47	47
Baxter Intl	26½	26⅝
Becton Dickson	37⅝	37
Bell Atlantic	61½	61½
BellSouth	57⅞	57
Black & Decker	20	20⅞
Block (H&R)	39⅞	40⅞
Boeing	39⅝	38⅝
Boise Cascade	21½	21
Borden Inc	16⅞	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅝	55⅞
Browning Ferris	24	23⅝
Burlington Nthn	54	54½
CBS	246	246½
CNA Financial	86⅞	87⅞
CPC Intl	44⅞	44⅞
CSX	78⅝	78
Campbell Soup	39⅝	38⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	508⅞	505
Cpd Holdings	43½	42⅞
Carolina Pwr	33⅝	33½
Caterpillar	82⅞	82⅝
Central & SW	33⅝	32⅝
Champion Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhtn	34⅝	34⅝
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40⅝
Chevron Corp	91½	92
Chrysler	43⅝	43½
Chubb Corp	89⅝	89⅞
Cigna Corp	65⅝	64⅞
Citicorp	33⅝	33⅞
Clorox	52⅞	51½
Coastal Corp	29⅝	29⅞
Coca Cola	42⅞	42⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	51½	51½
Columbia Gas	25⅝	25⅝
Commonw Ed	30	30⅝
Compaq Comp	53	52⅝
Comp Ass Intl	30½	30
Conagra	24½	24½
Cons Edison	36½	36½
Cons Nat Gas	54⅞	54⅝
Cons Rail	53⅝	53⅝
Cooper Inds	51½	51½
Corning Inc	31½	31⅞
Crown Cork	34½	35⅝
Dana Corp	54⅝	54½
Dayton Hudson	67⅝	67⅞
Deere	74	73⅝
Delta Air Lines	54¼	54½
Deluxe Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Detroit Edison	35⅝	35⅝
Digital Equip	41½	41¼
Dillard Dept St	37⅝	37⅝
Disney (Walt)	40⅝	40⅞
Dominion Res	47⅝	47⅝
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅝
Dover Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Dow Chemicals	59⅞	60⅝
Dow Jones	32	32
Dresser	22⅞	23
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Brdstreet	62½	62⅞
Du Pont	48⅝	48⅝
Eastman Kodak	61⅞	61⅝
Eaton Corp	49⅞	48⅝

	Aug 30 midday	Aug 27 close
Emerson Elec	60½	60⅝
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	41
Enron Corp	35⅝	35½
Entergy Corp	39⅝	38⅝
Ethyl Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Exxon	65⅝	65⅝
FMC Corp	49⅞	49⅝
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	59⅝	59⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅞	78⅞
First Chicago	45⅞	45⅝
First Interstate	60⅝	60⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅝	10⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅞	31½
Fluor Corp	45	45
Ford Motor	51½	51½
GTE Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Gannett	51½	51½
Gap Inc Del	28⅝	28⅞
Gen Dynamics	94⅞	94⅝
Gen Electric	98⅝	98
Gen Mills	62⅝	62⅝
Gen Motors	46⅝	47⅝
Gen Reinsurance	130⅞	130⅝
Gen Signal	33	32⅝
Genuine Parts	36⅝	36⅞
Georgia Pac	63⅞	62⅝
Gillette	53	53⅞
Glaxo ADR	17⅝	17½
Goodrich (BF)	47⅝	48
Goodyear Tire	42⅝	41½
Grace (W&R)	39⅝	39⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28⅝	27⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	17⅝
Halliburton	39⅝	40⅝
Harcourt General	42⅞	42⅝
Heinz (HJ)	37⅝	37⅝
Hercules	85⅞	85⅞
Hershey Foods	47⅝	47⅝
Hewlett Packard	72⅝	72⅝
Hilton Hotels	45⅝	46
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	19⅝	19⅝
Honeywell	37⅞	38
Household Intl	76½	76⅝
Houston Inds	46⅝	46½
Humana	13	12⅞
ITT Corp	93⅝	93⅞
Illinois Tool	39⅝	39⅝
INCO	20⅞	20⅝
Ingersoll Rand	37⅝	38
Inland Steel	27⅝	27⅞
Intel Corp	64⅝	63⅞
IBM	44½	44½
Intl Flav & Fr	114½	114½
Intl Paper	65⅝	65⅝
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅞
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	51½	51
Kerr-McGee	55⅝	55⅞
Kimberly-Clark	49⅝	48⅞
Knight-Ridder	55	54⅞
Lilly (Eli)	47⅝	47⅞
Limited Inc	22⅝	22⅝
LIN Brdcstng	117⅝	117⅝
Lincoln Nat	45⅝	45⅝
Litton	66⅞	66½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23⅝
Lockheed Corp	62⅝	61½
Louisiana Pac	35⅞	35⅝
MCI Commun	27⅞	26⅝
Marriott	28⅝	28⅝
Marsh & McLnn	89⅞	89⅞
Masco Corp	30⅞	30⅝
May Dept St	40⅝	41
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	57	57⅝
McDonalds	54	53⅞
McDonnell D	79⅝	79⅞
McGraw Hill	69⅞	69⅝
Mead Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Medtronic	63⅝	63⅝
Mellon Bk	57⅝	57⅝
Melville Corp	46½	46⅝
Merck Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Merrill Lynch	95⅝	95⅞
Minnesota Mine	109⅝	109⅞
Mobil Corp	77⅝	78
Monsanto	65⅝	65⅝
Morgan (JP)	75	75⅝
Motorola Inc	96½	95⅝
Natl Medical	7⅝	8
Natl Semi	18⅝	18½
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Intl	23⅝	23⅝
NBD Bancorp	33⅝	33⅝
NY Times A	24	24
Newmont Mng	50⅝	50
Niag Mohawk	24½	24⅝
Nike B	52⅞	53⅞
NL Industries	5⅝	5
Nordstrom	30½	30⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	68⅝	69⅝
Nthn State Pwr	46⅝	46⅝
Norwest Corp	26⅝	26⅞
Nynex Corp	90⅝	89⅝
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	25⅝	25½
Oracle Systems	50⅝	50

	Aug 30 midday	Aug 27 close
Oryx Energy Co	23½	23⅝
Owens Corning	42⅝	43⅝
PNC Financial	30⅞	29⅝
PPG Industries	68⅞	68½
Paccar Inc	62⅞	62⅝
Pacificorp	19⅞	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	26⅞	26½
Pac Gas & Elect	35⅝	36
Pac Telesis	54⅝	53½
Pall Corp	17⅝	17⅞
Panhandle East	25⅝	26
Paramnt Comm	55⅝	55⅝
Parker Hannifin	33⅞	34⅝
Penney (JC)	45⅝	44⅞
Pennzoil	70⅝	70
Pepsico	39⅞	39⅝
Pfizer	63⅝	63
Phelps Dodge	47	47⅞
Philadel Elec	32½	32⅝
Philip Morris	48⅝	48⅝
Phillips Pet	33	32⅝
Pitney Bowes	39⅞	40⅞
Polaroid	38⅝	38⅝
Price Co	37	36⅝
Primerica	43⅞	57
Procter & Gmbl	47⅞	47⅞
Pub Serv E & G	36	36
Quaker Oats	66½	67⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	40⅝	40⅞
Raytheon	63⅝	63
Reebok Intl	24	23½
Reynolds Metals	51½	51½
Roadway Srvcs	59⅝	58⅝
Rockwell Intl	36½	36⅝
Rohm & Haas	54⅝	54⅝
Royal Dutch	100⅞	100⅞
Rubbermaid	32⅝	32⅝
Salem Corp	64½	64⅝
St Paul's Cos	90⅞	90⅞
Salomon Inc	49⅞	49⅞
Santa Fe Pac	18⅝	18⅝
Sara Lee Corp	26	26
Scecorp	25	24½
Schering Plough	60⅞	59⅝
Schlumberger	66	65⅞
Scott Paper	34½	34⅞
Seagram	27⅞	27⅞
Sears Roebuck	53⅞	52⅝
Shell Trans	61½	61½
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33⅞
Skyline Corp	18	18⅝
Snap-On-Tools	42	42
Southern Co	44½	44
Sthwestern Bell	44⅝	44⅞
Sprint Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Stanley Works	42⅝	41½
Sun Company	28⅝	28
Suntrust	43⅝	43½
Supervalu	36½	36½
Syntex Corp	18½	18⅝
Sysco Corp	28⅝	28⅞
TRW Inc	64⅝	65⅝
Tandem Comp	8⅝	8⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3½
Teledyne	24⅞	24⅞
Temple Inland	43	43
Tenneco	53½	53⅞
Texaco	65⅝	64⅞
Texas Inst	80⅝	80⅝
Texas Utilities	49	49⅝
Textron	57½	57
Time Warner	41½	41½
Times-Mirror	32⅝	31½
Timken	32⅝	33
Torchmark	57⅞	57⅝
Toys R Us	36⅝	36½
Transamerica	59⅝	59⅝
Travelers Corp	34⅞	34
Tribune	51	51½
Tyco Labs	45⅝	45½
UAL Corp	146½	147
UST Inc	27⅝	27½
USX Marathon	20⅝	20⅞
Unilever NV	105⅞	104½
Union Camp	45	45⅝
Union Carbide	19⅝	18⅝
Union Pacific	65⅞	65⅞
Unisys Corp	11	11½
USAir Group	16	15⅝
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Getting small businesses to grow big remains the prize

Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest, responds to the CBI call for new and imaginative ways to fund expansion for smaller firms



Growth firms are among Derek Wanless's most demanding customers

At last, banks and their business customers can begin to turn from issues that have all too often related to survival, to ones that focus on business regeneration and growth.

The recent CBI report on financing for small and medium-sized enterprises — which formed the basis of Howard Davies's article in *The Times* last Wednesday — is therefore both timely and thought-provoking.

The explosion of small business enterprise is undoubtedly one of the success stories of the 1980s and, despite headline evidence to the contrary, an enduring one. After all the difficulties of the last two or three years, the UK still has about 2.7 million small and medium-sized businesses, a rise of nearly a million in the past decade.

Many of these concerns were formed as "lifestyle" businesses, with an aim no wider than to give their owner an independent way of making a living. None the less, they are crucially important to the social fabric of Britain. NatWest has more experience than most of their aspirations and the potential pitfalls they may encounter.

There are, however, owner-managers setting up enterprises that they hope will grow far beyond an initial handful of employees and will ultimately serve customers from across the world rather than across the street. These are the businesses Howard Davies is talking about.

These growth firms are among our most demanding customers. Their ambitions are greatest, their learning curve is steepest, they have the widest range of needs. They are not always easy to identify in their early stages.

If such growing businesses present challenges, they can also pay handsome dividends — for their owners, for UK plc in job creation and economic output, and for their bankers, who have a vested interest in seeing a fledgling business become a medium-sized group or even a big plc.

Many of the CBI's proposals reflect NatWest's plans and initiatives. For instance, we are striving to find more effective ways to promote management competence in smaller firms; our research shows that fewer than 25 per cent of business owners starting up take formal training.

We are training our bank managers to have a good understanding not only of the business the customer is in, but also of what makes the small business tick. We cannot rely on making funding available; we need to ensure businesses have the appropriate financing structure. We encourage businesses to take long-term, fixed-rate loans, and are keen that our branches work closely with Lombard, our finance house, to use credit factoring, invoice discounting and leasing as appropriate for the customer.

However, I believe the CBI does not go far enough in several areas. First, the endemic problem of late payment presses particularly hard on the smaller growth business. It is reported as a problem by 47 per cent of all small businesses and by 54 per vent of those with more than 50 employees. Big business is seen as a slow paying sector by 43 per cent of small businesses dealing with it. The voluntary, "best practice" route has a part to play and NatWest is a signatory to the CBI's own code of practice for prompt payment. A British standard for payment may also help. But I believe that the time may have arrived when we have to consider legislation to enforce change in our business culture.

Laws, however carefully drafted, might not change the situation by themselves, or overnight. However, I do believe legislation would send an unequivocal, much needed signal to the business community that deliberate late payment is unacceptable, and would provide a more equitable framework within which smaller businesses could seek redress.

Second, we need to tackle the general low level of financial literacy and business awareness. We may need to start with a greater focus in the national curriculum; certainly, the DTI's business link initiative — "one-stop shopping" for smaller businesses — has a crucial role to play.

It is an over-simplification to suggest that linking the provision or cost of finance to management training can play much of a part in resolving the issue of improving management competence in smaller firms. Any experienced banker will tell you that the range and level of skills available to the business has always formed an integral part of risk assessment, as it can in newer techniques.

The barriers, such as they are, lie in the nature of entrepreneurs who, not unnaturally, have strong preferences for doing things their way and for learning by doing. They lie, too, in the sheer practicalities of running a smaller business: our research shows that one in five small business owners work a 75-hour week and half work weekends. The skills required to start a business also differ quite markedly from those required as it grows.

Third, there are the much debated issues surrounding the "equity gap". My own view is that there may be an over-emphasis on aspects of supply when the key issue is understanding the constraints relating to demand.

There is evidence to suggest that even for relatively small amounts, there are more would-be investors than attractive investment propositions. It is unclear whether there are barriers due to lack of promotion or awareness, or if it is simply a matter of knowing what local mechanisms are needed for effective linkages.

This is an area that warrants further research if we are to realise the undoubted benefits from the "business angels" concept the CBI is promoting. NatWest has two community-based projects designed to explore these and other aspects further.

The whole question of equity finance should, however, be kept in perspective. Banks are lending about £43 billion to small business customers, dwarfing equity finance provided by the UK venture capital industry and informal equity sources.

Many of the smallest businesses will need debt finance to grow before they reach the stage when they become attractive even to informal investors; as a banker, I recognise both the challenge and the opportunity.

Finally, in outlining action areas for government and banks, Howard Davies touches relatively lightly on what may be needed from owner-managers themselves. The banker-customer relationship demands two-way commitment. Small business customers are not conscripts and there is a range of choice on the high street. Neither are banks an arm of government economic policy: they too are businesses.

If banks are to adopt the broad thrust of the CBI proposals suggested, businesses will need to focus less on the price, more on the type of funding and be prepared to consider using a wider range of financing than they may have been used to in the past; as Howard Davies says, this may need to include a willingness to consider an equity partner.

Businesses will also have to accept the need for banks to obtain a reward properly reflecting the risks, to have a greater willingness to acknowledge gaps in their own management skills and to take remedial action. One CBI statistic struck me particularly. One in five small firms enters the "growth corridor", defined as firms with between five and fifty employees. Only one in fifty emerges from the other end. The rest either remain within the corridor or fail.

So the prize — for all concerned, not least the UK economy — is well worth the undoubted efforts required.

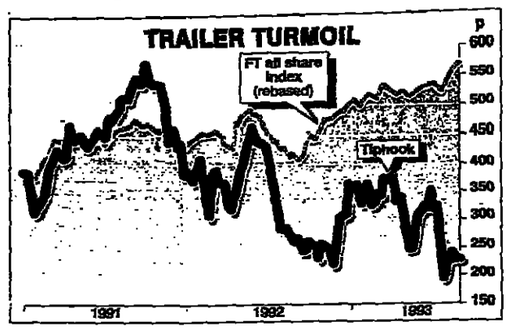
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Trailers for sale or rent

TIPHOOK's annual report excited considerable interest in the City last week, mainly because it revealed that the group's £21.8 million pre-tax loss in the year to April 30 failed to dent the earnings of its executive directors. Four of them grossed more than £495,000 each, including £851,000 for Robert Montague, the chairman, up £9,000, despite the group's reverses.

A closer look at Tiphook's accounts uncovers more disquieting features about the state of the company's finances.

Losses would have been £17.1 million larger if the group had not included a turn on the sale of 9,532 old trailers to two companies from which it has, incidentally, agreed to buy new trailers for £387 million over the next five years. The company announced the deal in April, but the profit on it became increasingly important as the year continued and provisions rose. Tiphook's trading results would look even less rosy if it took a more conservative view of its depreciation charges. The group writes down the value of its standard containers over 15 years and believes they have a 15 per cent residual value. Tank containers are treated even more generously, with a 25-year life and a 20 per cent residual value. The group argues that these figures are realistic, since it makes a profit on container disposal, but industrial equipment has a habit of becoming obsolete rather faster than expected. The removal of the residual values would cost the group £10 million a year.



Tiphook's earnings also benefit from its decision not to make provisions for deferred tax. This is fine, as long as the group continues to grow and its capital allowances outstrip depreciation charges. If growth begins to falter, however, Tiphook will be hit by a sharply rising tax bill.

Under American accounting regulations, which Tiphook seems keen to embrace, since it will soon be reporting in dollars, the company would have been forced to provide for deferred tax when it was profitable. Ironically, this treatment would have alleviated the group's losses last year, since it could have written back £20.2 million of the deferred charge. In its balance sheet, Tiphook has gearing of 473 per cent, which is high, even for a leasing company. It also faces significant cash demands in the coming year. It needs to pay for the unwinding of its currency hedging and interest rate swaps. It made provisions totalling £46.3 million against these in the year to April 30, but the cash had not been paid to unwind the contracts by then.

The group also faces a sharp increase in capital spending in the current financial year. It is scheduled to pay £76.6 million for new trailers and containers, after advance payments, up from £32.9 million. Further ahead, it has commitments to buy equipment for another £251 million.

Considering these pressures, and the slow recovery in world trade, it is difficult to see how Tiphook can avoid a continued rise in gearing, but its articles of association preent it from rising above 500 per cent. If that happened, it would be forced to hold an extraordinary meeting to ask shareholders for increased borrowing powers, which might make its banks uncomfortable. The group has insisted to analysts that its gearing will not rise above 500 per cent. To ensure this, however, it appears that it must carry out a disposal programme, or launch an equity issue. The latter would be costly while the shares remain so depressed.

Given the pressures on cash, the decision to increase the final dividend by 12 per cent, to 14.4p looks odd. The total 19.3p dividend for last year drained £21.2 million from reserves. At 235p, the shares stand on an historic yield of over 10 per cent, so the stock market, at least, has serious doubts about whether Tiphook has the ability to maintain such a payout.

Given the state of the balance sheet, this is one high yielding stock investors would do well to avoid.

Property shares

ANYONE tempted to buy property shares today should look closely at the investment performance of the underlying bricks and mortar. Figures from Investment Property Databank provide the best guide. Its second-quarter report tracks the sudden change in fortunes for commercial property, with investment yields falling from a 10 per cent peak in March to 9.8 per cent in June. That shift took IPD's annualised all-property return to 6.9 per cent (1.8 per cent).

That is better than the negative figures of previous years, but property returns still lag behind gilts and equities. Rental values are still falling by 11 per cent a year and much of the yield shift comes from the over-rented office sector. Property shares, however, have already heavily discounted a recovery and have almost doubled in price since the beginning of the year. Some leading stocks stand well above their asset values. With hard evidence of asset growth from property companies still to come, the sector looks frothy.

Equities

The stock market's climb looks unstoppable. Despite the Bundesbank's failure to cut interest rates on Thursday and the approach of the bank holiday, the FT-SE 100 index managed to close above 3,100, at a new high, on Friday afternoon.

The heavy flow of cash into unit trusts is forcing fund managers to chase equities that are already fully priced, so that the market is now discounting a further one point fall in base rates and an acceleration in the rate of economic recovery.

That could well be assuming too much. The rally will inevitably run out of steam before too long. If any of the anticipated good news fails to arrive on schedule, share prices are likely to lurch downwards as quickly as they have risen.

Cycling from trough to trough

GILTED

Bull markets suffer corrections and gilts are no different. After bottoming in May, prices have been on a rising trend for 3½ months. A correction is "due" — probably by mid-October. How is it possible to tell when one is due?

The answer is markets move in cycles, not straight lines. First, they overshoot on the upside as a bullish consensus emerges. In the process, the rising market sucks in more and more people as bears trim their negative views. Once the market is overbought, it becomes much more sensitive to negative than to further positive surprises. Lack of momentum encourages profit-taking, the consensus starts to crack and so the correction begins.

In gilts, there seems to be a regular cycle of four to six months, trough to trough. Previous troughs can be seen in May 1993, November 1992-/January 1993, August/October 1992, April 1992, November 1991, June 1991, August 1990, April 1990 and so on. The next one is "due" between September and November.

Since April 1990 — when the long-term gilts bull market began — the smallest peak to trough correction on the long gilt future was about 3¾ points (to November 1991) and the largest 6½ points (to August 1990). The average bull market correction has been five points.

If the gilt future high of 113$^{31}/_{32}$ reached on August 18 proves to be the peak of the current cycle, then the average pullback would take the future back to 109 (from 113$^{28}/_{32}$ on Friday), the minimum to 110$^{8}/_{32}$ and the maximum to 107$^{16}/_{32}$. These minimum and maximum targets coincide with longer-term trends. So even if we have a pullback of 3¾-6½ points, the long-term gilts bull market would be on track.

Two sets of fundamental factors reinforce the need for near-term caution. First, the market has become more bullish on inflation prospects. The market consensus for 1994 inflation has fallen, over the past 3 months, from 4.3 to 3.8 per cent. The differential between conventional and indexed gilts shows over the next five years the market is discounting 3.75 per cent inflation. Over the next 15 years, it is discounting just 4.1 per cent inflation, down from 5 per cent in May.

The market now believes that for the forseeable future the government will be able to stick to its 1-4 per cent inflation range. But with current underlying RPI inflation of 3-3½ per cent, there is not much room for slippage as the recovery continues. Such an optimistic view may not be unreasonable, but having already seen a step adjustment to long-term expectations, the scope is likely to be limited in coming months against a background of rising headline inflation.

The second reason for caution is interest rate expectations. The market is discounting a cut in base rates of a half of one point by spring. But sterling is not especially strong (on a trade-weighted basis, no longer higher than in the spring), M0 is exceeding its target growth rate, asset prices, especially shares, are rising and the economy is recovering. So there is no great need for aggressive rate cuts.

The battle in the Tory party between those who do not want to raise taxes and those who do not want to cut expenditure could end in stalemate and a disappointing amount of fiscal consolidation in the November Budget. There may not be a lot of room in coming weeks for positive interest rate surprises not already priced into the market.

Gilts may continue to rally to new yield lows in the first half of 1994, particularly if growth disappoints, inflation expectations again adjust down, or real yields continue the fall seen over the past year. But this is unlikely before a significant correction into the fourth quarter.

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Ticking off for names

THERE has always been doubt, in some quarters, about the intelligence of the Lloyd's names who have agreed to hand over all their assets to meet the 306-year-old insurance market's staggering losses. Now, new and alarming evidence has emerged to support such criticism. Willis Faber & Dumas, the Lloyd's agency, recently sent out a questionnaire to its names to try to determine the level of interest in the market's new pooled investment vehicles, the Members' Agents Pooling Arrangements. Of the 391 names who replied, 29 per cent said they would consider full participation, 36 per cent said they might place part of their 1994 capacity in such a pool, 16 per cent said they had no interest and 21 per cent said they did not know. All well and good, but has Willis Faber got its sums wrong? The total adds up to 102 per cent. The reason? Some names ticked more than one box, and one ticked all four.

Practice makes . . .

WITH French unemployment topping three million, Peugeot, suffering like other European car makers from a steep first half sales fall, seems to have hit on a novel way of occupying surplus workers. Management turned their sales drive overseas and became so confident of winning an order to supply 5,000 taxis to Canton, China, that they started building the vehicles, according to the French daily *Libération*. By the time they heard the contract had gone elsewhere, 970 405s and 100 605s were ready for dispatch from the Sochaux plant — all built to Chinese specifications. Returning in desperation to Canton, the sales team persuaded the Chinese to accept the vehicles, albeit in kit form. So, since mid-July, Peugeot assembly workers have been duly taking apart the vehicles at the rate of 54 a day. Time for another non-order, chaps.

Dark days

ABOUT 400 former Bevin Boys — teenagers who went down the mines under Ernest Bevin's wartime plan to maintain British coal supplies — are preparing for a timely reunion in Stoke on Trent. Before November's gathering comes the publication, this week, of a series of drawings by Ted Holloway (1926-1987) that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the call-up of the 20,000 seventeen and eighteen-year-olds who were compulsorily conscripted to feed the wartime industrial machine. *A Bevin Boy Remembers* (Henge Publications, £15), all the more poignant after the recent tragedy at Bilsthorpe Colliery, has been edited by Holloway's artist widow, Gill. The 50 drawings, with text by fellow Bevin Boys, give a faithful record of the Durham coalfields in the 1940s.

Sideways step

BIG changes at Robert Fleming Securities, where Chris Munro steps aside as head of UK and European Securities in favour of Tom Hughes-Hallett, chief executive of Enskilda Securities. Some Fleming's staff disrespectfully describe Munro's new job as head of corporate broking as a demotion. Rubbish, says John Manser, Robert Fleming's chief executive. "He's done a good job," he adds. Hughes-Hallett, a barrister, starts in October after ten years with the Swedes.

Own goal

EDINBURGH football fans are more than a little confused these days. The HFC Bank has recently opened a branch in the heart of the city in Frederick Street, just off the famous Princes Street shopping boulevard. Unfortunately for the financiers, HFC, in Edinburgh, means only one thing — Hibernian Football Club. Now, weary bank tellers have to put up with banner-waving supporters wandering into the plush banking hall, demanding season tickets or a strip for junior. To make matters worse, the bank has settled on a bright, environmentally friendly, green logo — the colour forever associated with Hibs.

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2.15 Film: Campbell's Kingdom (1957). Adventure story with Dirk Bogarde as a young Englishman who inherits his grandfather's valley in the Canadian Rockies. Directed by Ralph Thomas (464986)
3.55 Popeye Double Bill. Cartoon fun (7124431)
4.10 Children's BBC: Juniper Jungle. Cartoon (r) (s) (2401035) **4.25 Ssssports.** Summer ski-jumping in Finland (4751342) **4.35 Run the Risk.** Game show (r) (s) (3411899) **5.00 Newsround** (2600615) **5.10 Archer's Goon.** Episode three of a six-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3353948)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (916290). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (290)
6.30 Regional news magazines (870). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 The Brittas Empire: That Creeping Feeling. Chris Barrie stars as the insufferable manager of a leisure centre (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4344)

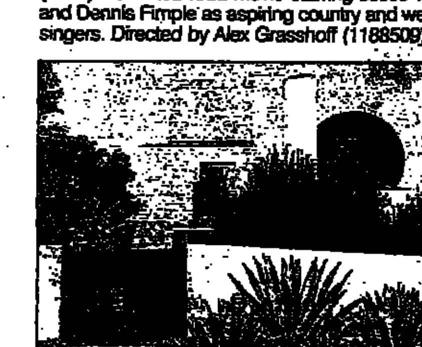


A toast beneath the Eiffel Tower (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. The residents of Albert Square cross the channel to Paris. (Ceefax) (s) (734)
8.00 The Good Life: Going to Pot? Last in the self-sufficiency comedy series. With Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal (r). (Ceefax) (3144)
8.30 Mulberry. In the final episode, Rose's sisters want to sell Farnaby manor. With Karl Howman and Geraldine McEwan. (r) (Ceefax) (9899)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (4325)
9.30 Lonesome Dove. The second of a four-part mini-series, based on the novel by Larry McMurtry. Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones continue their epic cattle drive north to Montana. Continues tomorrow at 9.30pm. (Ceefax) (67431). **Wales:** Wales Playhouse; 10.00-11.30 Lonesome Dove
11.00 Film: The Defiant Ones (1986). A remake of Stanley Kramer's engrossing 1958 drama. Robert Urich and Carl Weathers star as convicts on the run from the police through treacherous swamplands. Directed by David Lowell Rich (9870)
11.30 Weather (429344). Ends at **11.35. Wales:** 11.30-1.00am Film: The Defiant Ones
2.15am BBC Select: Executive Business Club (715807); **3.15-3.45** Legal Network Television (14710)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Dating a Granite (2293344) **7.10** Biology: The Regulation of Flowering (7725528) **7.35** Physics Beyond Experience (3826561)
8.00 Breakfast News (4492493) **8.15 Ghostwriter** (r) (s) (1056509) **8.40 Under Sail** (r) (4773257)
9.00 Film: Mystery in Mexico (1948, b/w). Competent crime drama. An insurance investigator (William Lundigan) searches for jewel thieves and a missing colleague. Directed by Robert Wise (7533412)
10.05 Laurel and Hardy Double Bill: in *Scram!* a judge orders Stan and Ollie to leave town (3325899); and at **10.25** in *Men o' War*, the duo play sailors who meet two women in the park (9356899)
10.45 Film: Broadway Limited (1941, b/w) starring Victor McLaglen. Innocuous comedy in which an actress adopts a baby as a publicity stunt. Directed by Gordon Douglas (2437696)
11.55 A British Bulldog in Albania. Tom Brennan's aid shipment to Albania (r) (8694986)
12.25 Portraits from on High. François and Juliette Reydal talk about their family farm (7177783)
12.40 Belgian Grand Prix. Highlights (r) (8498509)
1.20 Fireman Sam. Animation (r) (15692621)
1.30 The Family Ness. Cartoon (r) (93185580)
1.35 Discovering Birds. With Tony Soper (r) (19724035)
2.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (94074054) followed by **The Real Food of China.** Red cooked pork (r) (14177238) **2.30 See Heart** (r) (s) (431)
3.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (1536122) **3.05 Aussies.** Jack Pizzey on life in Australia (r) (6609306) **3.50 News** and weather (1570122)
4.00 Erebus: The Aftermath. Frank Finlay stars in the first of a two-part drama about the 1979 Air New Zealand disaster when a DC10 flew into a mountain killing all of its 257 passengers. The second episode can be seen tomorrow at 4pm (r) (94954561)
5.35 Film: Smokey and the Good-Time Outlaws (1978). Fun-filled road movie starring Jesse Turner and Dennis Fimple as aspiring country and western singers. Directed by Alex Grasshoff (1188509)



The house that Frank Gehry built (7.00pm)

7.00 Master Builders. A profile of the Los Angeles architect Frank Gehry (r). (Ceefax) (532035)
7.45 Wildlife Showcase: Land of the Whale. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (941615)
8.15 Film: The Secret Life of Kathy McCormick (1988). Lightweight romantic comedy about a grocery store worker (Barbara Eden) who meets a millionaire (Josh Taylor) at a society lunch. Directed by Robert Lewis (124431)
9.45 Storm from the East: The Last Khan of Khans. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (989306)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (656986)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Festival highlights (783764)
11.55 Weather (406493) **12.00 Engineering Mechanics.** How designers ensure a smooth ride for car passengers (59265). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE

Cruel Doubt
ITV, 9.00pm

A thriller spread over two evenings presents the fact-based story of a gruesome murder in North Carolina. A middle-aged couple is savagely assaulted in their bed. The husband dies. His wife Bonnie (Blythe Danner) survives but with terrible injuries. Suspicion falls on Chris (Matt McGrath), Bonnie's son and the dead man's stepson. Although Chris was apparently away at college when the attack took place, he seems a bit unhinged and plays some strange games. As with many another American mini-series the attention is held more by the sensational plot than any special quality in acting or direction. But if *Cruel Doubt* sometimes has the feel of being churned out to fill schedules, it makes you want to keep watching.



Having a right whale of a time (BBC2, 7.45pm)

Wildlife Showcase: Land of the Whale
BBC2, 7.45pm

The natural history series returns with a visit to Patagonia and assumes we all know where it is. For those who do not, it is roughly the southern two-thirds of Argentina. The Andes run along its western edge, the South Atlantic laps its eastern shore and in between there is scrub desert. Not surprisingly, it is home to a rich selection of wildlife, evoked in superb camerawork and the most clichéd commentary for a very long time. The stars of the show are the southern right whales, who weigh up to 60 tons and stretch to 50 feet in length. They were once plundered for oil, hide and bone. They are now protected and a tourist attraction. The film also takes in elephant seals, sealions and a wonderfully comic species of penguin.

Rear Window: A Night at the Turkish Opera
Channel 4, 9.00pm

One of the legacies of Kemal Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey, was a network of state-subsidised opera houses. Kemal was determined to Westernise his country and saw opera as one of the ways to do it. The German Carl Ebert was brought in to further the process. Paul Hindemith, a refugee from the Nazis, came too. The film examines this cultural transplant and assesses how well it has taken. Sceptics say that Western opera has reached only a small part of the populace. Performances, however, are often sold out. Among them is a last night of Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*. The cameras are there, the audience is abuzz but for a reason it would be unfair to reveal, the show never takes place.

Storm From the East
BBC2, 9.45pm

An agreeable journey through 13th-century history concludes with the last great Mongol emperor, Khubulai Khan. Compared with his grandad Genghis, who was Hitler and Stalin rolled into one, Khubulai was a model of enlightenment. He did his share of conquering, but he was generous to the conquered. He supported agriculture, established a central bank and a single currency and encouraged trade to unite his scattered lands. He was a patron of the arts. Above all he built great cities, the Xanadu of Coleridge's poem and Da-Du, the precursor of Peking. Dramatic reconstruction and computer animation help to compensate for the paucity of contemporary visual material.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly (4439870)
9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Cartoon adventures (5945073) **9.50 London Today** (2752035) **9.55 Cartoons** (4214528)
10.10 Film: The Devil and Max Devlin (1981). Disney comedy in which Elliott Gould makes a pact with the devil (Bill Cosby). Directed by Steven Hilliard Stern (45598851) **11.55 London Today** (9795783)
12.00 Cartoon (7156290) **12.10 Wizadora** (r) (2841073)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (8405899) **1.05 London Today** (84287431)
1.15 Home and Away Fin is worried that she is losing Blake. (Teletext) (328257)
1.45 A Country Practice. Cookie buys a car from Tiger. (s) (325528)
2.15 The Earth Dwellers' Guide. Anne Davies looks at a family weekend in Swindon, vegetarian fast food and England's disappearing meadows (317509)
2.45 Laugh with the Carry Ons. Comic highlights from the *Carry On* films (3961851) **3.10 News** headlines (1554528) **3.15 London Today** (1553899)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (2241035)
3.50 Children's ITV: Fraggle Rock (r) (1574948) **4.00 Rubbish — King of the Jumble** (s) (2405851) **4.15 Hulk Hogan.** Cartoon (r) (2580764) **4.40 Children's Ward** (r). (Teletext) (s) (8390324)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2690528)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (557696)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (83054)
7.00 Emmerdale. Jack (Clive Hornby) swallows his pride. (Teletext) (9412)
7.30 Inside Crime. In the last programme of the series, John Taylor and Fiona Oates report on the fight to curb drug-dealing in London (s) (122)
8.00 The Bill: Desperate Remedies. Frustration is rife at Sun Hill as the innocent are found guilty and the guilty walk free. (Teletext) (5832)
8.30 The Cook Report Update. Roger Cook reveals the latest news on his investigations into child pornographers, car sharks, Spanish pirates and the sale of nuclear bombs (4967)

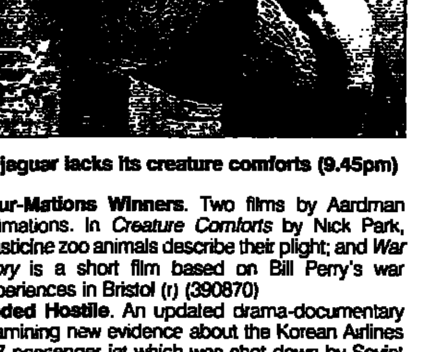


Matt McGrath and Blythe Danner (9.00pm)

9.00 Cruel Doubt. Continues after the news. (Teletext). See Choice (4677)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (58870) **10.30 London Tonight** (498054)
10.40 Cruel Doubt continued. Part two can be seen tomorrow at 9pm. (Teletext) (384829)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (48870)
12.30 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup reviews the latest video releases, including martial arts films and Ken Russell's BBCtv production, *Lady Chatterley* (47130)
1.30 Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93. Highlights of the Molson Indy Vancouver (22888)
2.00 Film: Boomerang (1976). Offbeat crime thriller starring Alain Delon as a wealthy businessman whose criminal past is revealed when his son kills a policeman. A French film with English dialogue. Directed by José Giovanni (95826)
4.00 The Beat. Gary Crowley introduces music from James, US 3, Texas and Senser (r) (s) (62710)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (62420)
5.30 ITN Morning News (47420). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline fun (1559054) **6.45 Wowser.** Doggy tales (1772509)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin, with guest Bryan Ferry (56561)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. High school comedy (42219)
9.30 Teletoons. Musical cartoons (r) (32509)
10.30 Kelly. Police dog adventures (r) (4889677)
10.55 Sharky and George. The fishy detectives thwart the evil Dr Claw (r) (4897696)
11.25 The Henderson Kids Family drama (r) (1225144)
11.50 The Figurehead. Puppet animation (r) (7623054)
12.00 The World's Strangest Sports (r) (55783)
12.30 Sesame Street. The singer Randy Travis is today's guest on the early-learning programme (r) (18431)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Musical duck tales (r) (72948)
2.00 Film: When My Baby Smiles at Me (1948) starring Betty Grable and Dan Dailey. Routine musical about a vaudeville couple whose marriage is threatened when one of them becomes a success on Broadway. Directed by Walter Lang (182870)
3.50 Gustav Looks for a Job. Cartoon from Hungary (r) (4515493)
3.55 The Secret Life of . . . The Radio Set. A history by Tim Hunkin (r). (Teletext) (9543257)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (685)
5.00 Oprah Gold. Oprah Winfrey asks her fiancé, Stedman Graham, what it is like to live in the shadow of a celebrity (r). (Teletext) (7723580)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (905716)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. In the first of a two-part story, Mork starts to shrink when he takes medicine for his cold. With Robin Williams (r) (528)
6.30 Roseanne: Tolerate Thy Neighbour. Wise-cracking comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. Roseanne is unaware that her neighbours are being burgled (r). (Teletext) (s) (580)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (466528)
7.50 Comment. New Age traveller Hilary Peters defends her way of life (511615)
8.00 Free for All. Keith Richardson reports on the road transport of nuclear materials, and Charlie Smith of the Gypsy Council investigates the treatment of travellers by local councils (r) (6702)
8.30 Pacific Station Police comedy series with Robert Guillaume. Bob's old partner teaches him a lesson in trust. (Teletext) (s) (2509)
9.00 Rear Window: A Night at the Turkish Opera. See Choice (580783)



A jaguar lacks its creature comforts (9.45pm)

9.45 Four-Mations Winners. Two films by Aardman Animations. In *Creature Comforts* by Nick Park, plasticine zoo animals describe their plight; and *War Story* is a short film based on Bill Perry's war experiences in Bristol (r) (390870)
10.00 Coded Hostile. An updated drama-documentary examining new evidence about the Korean Airlines 747 passenger jet which was shot down by Soviet fighter planes on September 1, 1983. With Michael Murphy, Michael Moriarty and Chris Sarandon. Directed by David Darlow (r). (Teletext) (353783)
11.35 Film: Angry Earth (1989). A poignant drama starring Sue Roderick as Britain's oldest woman, 110-year-old Gwen, who reminisces about her turbulent life in a Welsh mining community. In English and Welsh with subtitles. Directed by Karl Francis (26497957). Ends at **1.40am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Anglia News (2752035) **10.10** Film: Disney's the Devil and Max Devlin (45598851) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84287431) **1.45-2.15** A Country Practice (325528) **2.45-3.10** An Invitation to Remember (3961851) **3.15-3.20** Anglia News (1553899) **5.10-5.40** The Champions (2690528) **6.00** Home and Away (344325) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (301832) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (122) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (498054) **12.25am** Film: Vital Signs (Ed Asner, Gary Cole) (625449) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7829371) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (1473604) **4.00** On the Live Side (92178) **4.30** Riviera (82033159) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8877284)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Central News (2752035) **1.05pm** Central News (84287431) **1.15** A Country Practice (326257) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (325528) **2.45-3.10** Love at First Sight (3961851) **3.15** Central News (1553899) **3.20-3.50** Dinosaurs (2241035) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2690528) **6.00** Home and Away (344325) **6.25-7.00** Central News (301832) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (122) **10.30-10.40** Central News (498054) **11.30** Sports Special (48870) **12.30am** Film: The Lady Craved Excitement (7088130) **1.50** The Big E (9337178) **2.45** Sport AM (709246) **3.45** Wild America (15449) **4.15** Jobfinder (7369791) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1704246)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.50am-9.55 HTV News (2752035) **10.10** Film: Disney's the Devil and Max Devlin (45598851) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84287431) **2.45-3.10** An Invitation to Remember (3961851) **3.15-3.20** HTV News (1553899) **6.00** HTV News (986) **6.30-7.00** Billy (238) **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas (122) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (498054) **12.25am** Film: Vital Signs (628449) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7829371) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (1473604) **4.00** On the Live Side (92178) **4.30** Riviera (82033159) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8877284)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (986) **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 (238) **7.30-8.00** On the Road with Elinor (122) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News (498054)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Meridian News (2752035) **10.10** Film: Disney's the Devil and Max Devlin (45598851) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News (84287431) **2.45-3.10** Yan Can Cook (3961851) **3.15** Meridian News (1553899) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2241035) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (155239) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (986) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (238) **7.30-8.00** Nature and Wildlife (122) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (498054) **11.30-12.30am** Magnum (48870) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (62420)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Tyne Tees News (2752035) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (94442388) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (18333281) **2.45-3.10** The Entertainers (3961851) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (261615) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (238) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (122) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (498054) **11.30** The 291 Club (48870) **12.30am-12.55** Comedy Tonight (3925062) **12.55** The Little Picture Show (1040555) **1.55** Sledge Hammer (6812868) **2.25** 60 Minutes (9898401) **3.20** Countdown (2725449) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7380284)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (84287431) **1.45** The Young Doctors (325528) **2.15** The Earth Dweller's Guide (317509) **2.45-3.10** An Invitation to Remember (3961851) **3.15** Westcountry Latest (1553899) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2241035) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (83054) **7.30-8.00** The Champions (122) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (498054) **12.25am** Film: Vital Signs (Ed Asner, Gary Cole) (628449) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7823371) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (1473604) **4.00** On The Live Side (92178) **4.30** Riviera (82033159) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8877284)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (84287431) **2.45-3.10** The Entertainers (3961851) **3.15-3.20** Calendar News (1553899) **5.55** Calendar (261615) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (238) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (122) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (498054) **11.30** The 291 Club (48870) **12.30am** Comedy Tonight (3925062) **12.55** The Little Picture Show (1040555) **1.55** Sledge Hammer (6812868) **2.25** 60 Minutes (9898401) **3.20** Countdown (2725449)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (56561) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (42219) **9.30** Star Street (2411783) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6685986) **10.20** Kelly (3320344) **10.45** Take Five (4877832) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (2770239) **11.35** Alfred J. Kwak (9777561) **12.00pm** High 5 (55783) **12.30** Sesame Street (18431) **1.30** The Curry Connection (72948) **2.00** Film: The Return of Frank James (452141) **3.40** Oprah Gold (2273851) **4.30** Happy Days (685) **5.00** The Real World (7290) **5.30** Countdown (615) **6.00** Newyddion (713431) **6.10** Heno (620344) **7.00** Jacpot (7054) **7.30** Rasio (764) **8.00** Ond Y Broblem Yw (6702) **8.30** Newyddion (478696) **8.55** Rasus (589493) **9.45** Four-Mations Winners: Sobo Square (390870) **10.00** The Golden Palace (56412) **10.30** Just for Laughs (32632) **11.00** Go Fishing (2580) **11.30** Action (46412) **12.30am** Free

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (1619239) **8.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1683832) **8.50** The DJ Kat Show (97085734) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (35431) **10.00** Card Sharks (6819615) **10.25** Concentration (7531325) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2412821) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (28702) **12.00** E Street (95325) **12.30pm** Three's Company (13219) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (34702) **2.00** Testimony of Two Men (8091073) **2.55** Another World (2504696) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5753325) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8325) **6.00** Games World (6219) **6.30** E Street (4829) **7.00** Rescue (9054) **7.30** Full House (9783) **8.00** Anything But Love (8702) **8.30** Designing Women (4509) **9.00** Civil Wars (64967) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (67054) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (16967)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1147561) **9.30** ABC Nightline (56275) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (86431) **11.30** Business Report (54883) **12.30pm** Business Report (64219) **1.30** CBS This Morning (65948) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (35770) **3.30** ABC Nightline (84561) **4.30** Business Report (6696) **5.00** Live at Five (202561) **7.30** Target (7325) **8.00** News Hour (98257) **9.30** Talkback (19306) **11.30** CBS News (80325) **12.30am** ABC News (92604) **1.30** CBS News (76449) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (82159) **3.30** CBS News (87604) **4.30** Target (89401) **5.30** CBS News (13064)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3241899)
10.00 The Freshman (1990): Matthew Broderick is adopted by businessman Marlon Brando (17035)
12.00 Mysterious Island (1961): Adventures on a strange tropical island (76851)
2.00pm The Doomsday Flight (1966): Aeroplane suspense thriller with Jack Lord and Edmond O'Brien (58306)
4.00 Flight of the Doves (1971): Two children escape their stepfather (3257)
6.00 The Freshman (as 10am) (61870)
8.00 The Bonfire of the Vanities (1991): Tom Wolfe's Wall Street social comedy with Tom Hanks and Bruce Willis (15127219)
10.05 Marked for Death (1990): A former drug agent comes out of retirement to take on Jamaican drug-dealers (756342)
11.55 Night of the Warrior (1990): Martial arts action with Lorenzo Lamas (787257)
1.45am Plan of Attack (1992): Loni Anderson as a rape victim menaced by her assailant (23051888)
3.50 Blind Fury (1989): Rutger Hauer as the blind samurai hero coming to the rescue of an old friend (8657807). Ends at **5.15am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Bedtime for Bonzo (1951): Ronald Reagan raises a chimp (29832)
8.00 The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976): With Peter Sellers as the bumbling French detective (31677)
10.00 Who's That Knocking At My Door (1968): Harvey Keitel hangs loose in Little Italy (74580) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Black Knight (1954): A swordmaker becomes a knight (36580)
8.00 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf: Cartoon adventure (84870)
10.00 King of the Hill (1990): Baseball drama with William Russ and Glenn Plummer (15577)
12.00 The Glory Guys (1965): Western with Tom Tryon (74493)
2.00pm Sideout (1990): Volleyball drama with Peter Horton and C Thomas Howell (56948)
4.00 Jetsons: The Movie (1990): Space-age animation (1899)
6.00 Love at Large (1989). A private eye (Tom Berenger) tails the wrong man (89412)
8.00 Crucifer of Blood (1991). Charlton Heston plays Sherlock Holmes (71257)
10.00 Deadly Intentions . . . Again? (1991): Harry Hamlin stars as a psychotic surgeon (803290)
11.40 Far Out Man (1989): A hippy pines for the 1960s. With Tommy Chong (453696)
1.10 Judgement (1990): A couple suspect a priest of abusing their child. Starring Keith Carradine and Blythe Danner (2651884)
2.40 Windprints (1989): John Hurt in a Namibia-set drama (315710) Ends at **4.15**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3168528) **7.15** Prime Bodies (120035) **7.45** World Sports Special (129306) **8.15** Soccer News (3272851) **9.00** Prime Bodies (72073) **9.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (18515) **10.00** Monday Night Football (89851) **12.00** Prime Time Baseball (89509) **12.30pm** US Open Tennis (6876899) **6.00** Soccer News (410967) **6.15** Netbusters (408122) **6.30** Major League Baseball (25122) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show (84702) **10.00** Soccer News (348677) **10.15** The Boss (489325) **10.45** French Football League (488696) **11.15** Netbusters (444493) **11.30-4.00am** US Open Tennis (2212141)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (48580) **8.00** Golf (35528) **10.00** Athletics (447841) **11.00** Athletics (64526) **12.00** Eurogoals (84306) **1.00pm** Tennis (19580) **3.00** Cycling World Championships (34031) **5.00** Eurogoals (5493) **6.00** Eurofun (3344) **6.00** News (73290) **7.00** EuroTennis (56509) **9.00** Boxing (91035) **10.00** Snooker (73141) **12.00** News (46739)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (1380667) **7.30** Neighbours (2835752) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1005580) **8.30** EastEnders (1004851) **9.00** The Bill (1028431) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (1726122) **10.30** Casualty (2916054) **11.30** Rhoda (8690509) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1015967) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5802580) **1.00** EastEnders (2730108) **1.30** The Bill (5801851) **2.00** Don't Wait Up (1369238) **2.30** Bread (9724572) **3.00** Dallas (8694325) **4.00** Dynasty (8673832) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1343290) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (1629108) **6.00** Neighbours (8374031) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (8680122) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (4874275) **8.00** EastEnders (1372702) **8.30** Bread (1368509) **9.00** Casualty (1307702) **10.00** The Bill (1016696) **10.30** Life Without George (1025344) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8903141) **11.35** Dr Who (1043832) **12.05am** Film: Bachelor Mother (1939, b/w) Comedy with Ginger Rogers (39857739) **1.25-2.15am** Video Bites (3519028)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (37561) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (3872257) **7.55** RatKan II (8822306) **8.30** Galaxy High School (90493) **9.00** The Happy Prince (14073) **9.30** Manu (49257) **10.00** The Finder (91783) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (10257) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (24898) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (25528) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (22580) **1.00pm** Michael Valiant (29054) **1.30** Super Mario World (42344) **2.00** Adventure (7870) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3572) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2369899) **3.25** RatKan II (5998967) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (2677) **4.00** Bobobobs (4412) **4.30** The Guys Next Door (3716) **5.00** Fifteen (8122) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (1948) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (28764)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Generals of the Revolution
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: with Catriona Young. Including Tippett (Birthday Suite for Prince Charles); Leclair (Flute Sonata, Op 1 No 6); Schubert (Rondo in D, D608); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schumann. Works inspired by Goethe. Including Overture, Hermann und Dorothea; Mignon, Op 79 No 29; Mignon Op 68 No 35; Requiem für Mignon, Op 98b; Scenes from Goethe's Faust
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth performs Haydn (Symphony No 1 in D; Cello Concerto No 1 in C; Symphony No 45 in F sharp, Farewell)
11.05 Prom Artist of the Week: Barbara Bonney (soprano) performs Wolf (Bescheidene liebe; Auch kleine Dinge; In dem Schatten meiner Locken); Brahms (Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit, German Requiem); Strauss (Schön sind, doch kalt die Himmelsterne, Op 19 No 3; Ich wollt' ein Sträusslein binden, Op 68 No 2; Ständchen, Op 17 No 2); Grieg (Peer Gynt: Prelude, Act 1 and closing scene)
12.00 Music Restored: Corelli's English Followers (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Hindemith (Ragtime); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor); Philip Wilby (Symphony No 2, "Voyaging", premiere)
2.15 Debut: Adele Paxton, mezzo, and Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Barber (The Desire for Hermitage; I Hear an Army); Debussy (Chansons de Bilitis); Berg (Four Songs, Op 2); Falla (Siete Canciones Populares Españolas)
3.00 Dussek Piano Trio: Haydn (Piano Trio in E, H XV28); Warren (Burnt Norton Sketches); Brahms (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 101 No 3)
3.55 BBC Concert Orchestra under Norman Del Mar performs Albeniz, orch Arbos (Suite, Iberia)
4.30 Changing Times: Max Easterman looks at jazz in 1935 (4/6)
5.00 In Tune with Charles Hazlewood
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall. Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur performs Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat); Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream: Overture and Incidental Music)
9.35 South African Snapshots with Christopher Hope. Douglas Livingstone talks about his childhood and recites poems about the flora and fauna of South Africa (r)
9.55 Hungarian Piano Music: Peter Frankl plays Kurtag (Games, Book III); Bartók (Three Rondos); Andras Szollosy (Paesaggio con morti) (r)
10.45 A Future for Their Past: Another view of South Africa with Christopher Hope. He looks at how the nation's writers are adjusting to their altered state (r)
11.30 A Taste of Italy: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Cimarosa (Overture, Il Matrimonio Segreto); Wolf-Ferrari (Idillio-Concertino in A, Op 15) Dallapiccola (Piccola musica notturna); Berio (Variazioni); Martucci (Tarantella, Op 44 No 6)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** The Natural History of Selborne **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00 News; Daily Service
10.15 The Bible: Kings (Final part)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sarah Dunant asks if lesbian literature is a separate genre. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Hoax! Peter Jones, Christopher Timothy and John Wells tell the stories **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: One of the Family by John Petherbridge. Emily, a young would-be novelist, tells of what happens when the puppy Taffy joins the family home. With Sara Jane Derrick, Nathaniel Parker and Bernadette Windsor
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Peter Katin, one of the foremost pianists of his generation
3.00 News; Tuesday Lives Joanna Buchan meets more of life's adventurers
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Gill Pyrah meets Peter Ackroyd, whose novel *The House of Doctor Dee* has just been published. Sue Townsend chronicles *The Wilderness Years*
4.45 Short Story: A Cure by James Robertson. The pain was mild at first and intermittent. Recently it had grown steadily worse so the man went to see his doctor. Read by Stuart Hepburn
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Charity Ends at Home by Colin Watson. Inspector Purbright calls on his old friend Lucilla Teatime. With John Rowe, Kathryn Hunt, Ann Rye and Geoffrey Banks (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell explores the extraordinary within family life. 2: The Akshars. Ayman and Jane thought they had found a sense of family and each other when they joined the London Church of Christ. Misgivings soon set in about their newfound "family".
8.00 Science Now: The human body is the oldest of all machines and is still going strong. Alun Lewis powers some strange contraptions and meets the inventors who are making our muscles take us further
8.30 Sitting Targets: a history of the quip factor in British political life (r)
8.45 In Touch. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Trick of It by Michael Frayn, read by Martin Jarvis (2/10)
11.00 Stanza on Stage: Carol Ann Duffy, Jackie Kay and Liz Lochhead in performance at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe
11.30 The Gardening Quiz (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

William Tell: The Lost Epic. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Steve Archer's and Barry Littlechild's documentary about the 30 minutes that remain of Errol Flynn's abandoned movie *William Tell* is worthy to be spoken of in the same breath as Bill Duncalf's memorable television film *The Epic That Never Was* about Alexander Korda's aborted movie *I Claudius*. Strangely, it was cash flow not Flynn's spectacular boozing that halted the filming of *William Tell* in 1953. The many interviews linked by Archer's script have produced cinema archaeology of a very high order.

In Touch: Seeing Again. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*
This edition of the magazine for blind listeners is devoted to two women, blessed with two gifts: partially restored sight and the ability lucidly to explain how they adapted to their changed circumstances after their operations. They describe not only the plusses, the faces of loved ones, the wonder of everyday things, but the minuses, the tyranny of the mirror and, amusingly, the discovery that white British men do not move their legs gracefully, but drag them around like "great incumbrances".

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow, from the Clock Tower, Rhyl **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Claire Sturgess **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World **9.00** The Atlantic Record Story **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake up to Wogan **9.25** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Brian Hayes **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with . . . Jungr and Parker: from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** William Tell — the Lost Epic. See Choice **10.00** Ironic Maidens **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Mission Investigates (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Labour of Love, with Helen Madden **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Is Anybody There? Eric Pringle's ghost story **7.15** Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird (r) **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot, with John Cavanagh **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **5.45** On Screen **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** One Blood — A History of Jamaican Music **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Tales from Wales **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Looney Tunes **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.01** Pop Science **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **3.45** The Cello On Record **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Poems by Post **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports

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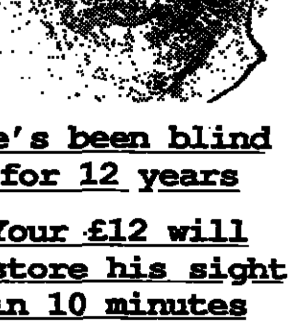
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Paganini (Violin Concerto No 1 in D; NYPO under Sinopoli with Gil Shaham) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Trad, arr Harty (The Londonderry Air); Stanford (Symphony No 3 in F minor, Irish); Bax (In the Faery Hills) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

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BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYNE

Volvo and Renault 'close to deal on merger'

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE long-expected merger of Volvo of Sweden and Renault, the French state-owned car-maker, could be sealed within days, creating a group employing 100,000 people and paving the way for one of France's biggest privatisations.

The groups are reported to be close to signing a deal that would create the world's second biggest truckmaker after Daimler-Benz, and Europe's fourth biggest carmaker. It would permit the French government to press ahead with plans to float Renault on the stock market, as well as giving the car and truck giant a strong foothold in north America.

Volvo yesterday declined to comment on the reports. "When we have something to say, we will say it." A merger has been on the cards since January 1991, when the groups strengthened their ties through a complex series of cross-shareholdings, leaving Volvo with 20 per cent of Renault.

Speculation was fueled in June, when the newly-elected Conservative French government said that it favoured a fast merger between the two groups. Gerard Longuet, the French industry minister, said a merger was "essential for more efficient management and development of Renault".

At the time, Renault said: "It has always been clear that Renault and Volvo wish to develop the alliance".

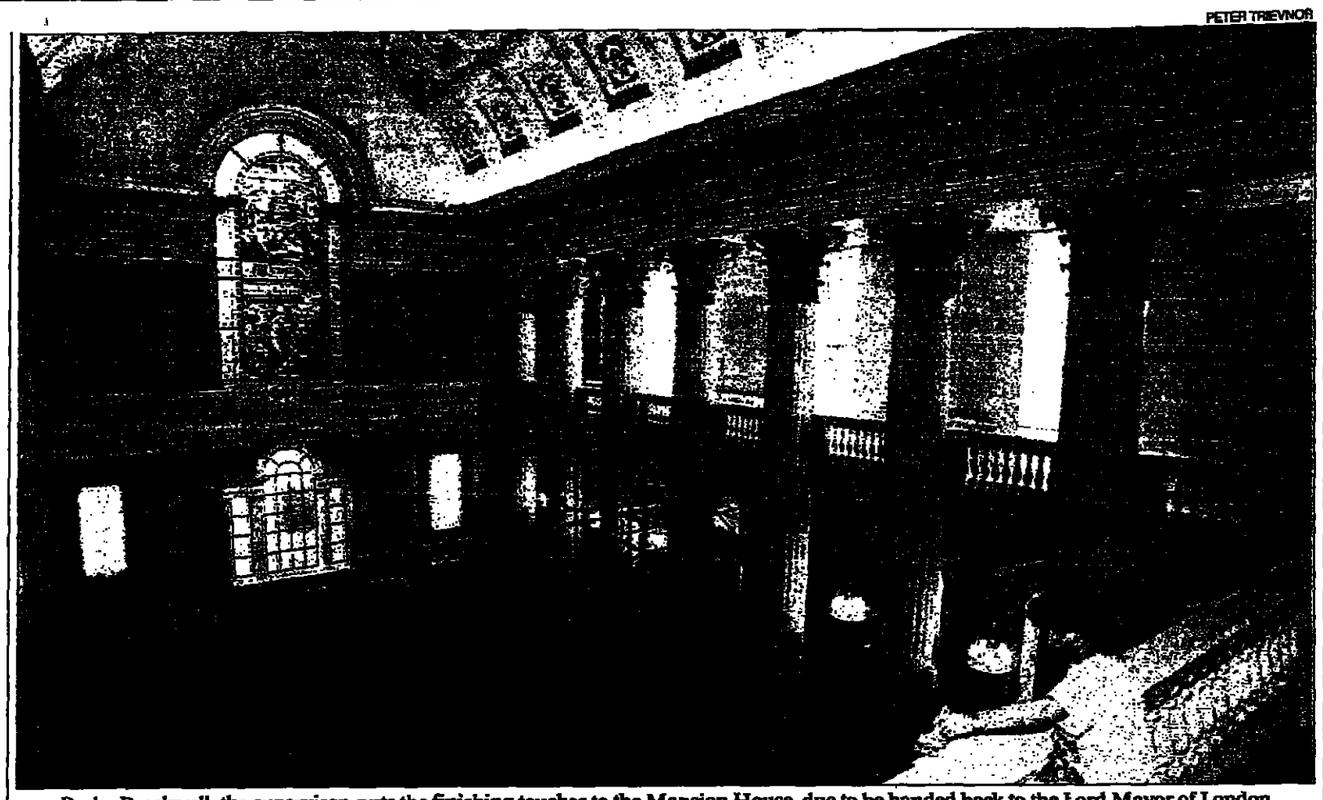
The French government is keen to press ahead with the sale of the 80 per cent of Renault held by the state. A privatisation, tipped for next year, would favour small shareholders. About 40 per cent of the shares would be placed with French institutions and industrial groups to guard against the risk of takeover.

The European car market is forecast to shrink by at least 12 per cent this year, increasing pressure on carmakers to move closer together. Evidence of the tough conditions emerged last week, when Volkswagen, Germany's biggest car manufacturer, announced a first-half loss of DM1.41 billion against a DM987 million profit last time.

Both Renault and Volvo ran into trouble in the 1980s, but the benefits of savage redundancies and tighter cost controls are seeping through. Renault made a profit of £615 million last year, although 1993 first-half profits fell 87 per cent to £83 million. Volvo announced a profit of £32 million last week compared with an expected loss of £25 million.

Renault and Volvo combined would hold 11.5 per cent of the European car market and 20 per cent of the truck market. The enlarged group would make 2 million cars and 80,000 lorries a year.

PETER TREVNOR



Becky Brockwell, the supervisor, puts the finishing touches to the Mansion House, due to be handed back to the Lord Mayor of London tomorrow. An £11 million programme to restore the structure of George Dance's 240-year-old City building has taken two years to complete

French stay loyal to EMU despite record jobless

BY OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

FRANCE, Italy and Belgium have reinforced their commitment to keep the drive for European economic and monetary union on track, rejecting the alternative of using the scope afforded by looser currency ties to boost their domestic economies.

The UDF, one of the French government coalition partners, has set a timetable to cut the 15 per cent currency bands forced on the European exchange-rate mechanism this summer to 6 per cent at the start of next next year and back to the original narrow range of 2¼ per cent by the start of 1995. Its policy statement said that economic convergence among the leading European economies was the priority.

The UDF programme would, in theory, still permit the move to a single currency at the earliest scheduled date in 1997. Germany has, however, already made clear that it expects the move to EMU to be delayed, probably until after 1999, because of lack of economic convergence.

Priority on a move back to narrow bands suggests the central ERM countries have abandoned hope of enticing Britain back into the system at an early date. Italy is also likely to find the timetable unrealistic. Italy and Belgium, which currently holds the EC presidency, pledged over the weekend to go ahead with the EMU schedule, as planned, at the start of next year. This would, in particular, involve setting up the European Monetary Institute, the precursor of a European central bank.

In a related move, Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, called yesterday for the formation of yet another new international body to watch over the world economy. He said the G7 economic summits were "a mountain that gave birth to a mouse" and that other institutions did not integrate trade, monetary and social issues.

Edmond Alphandéry, France's economy minister, reiterated yesterday that France would not change economic policy by being alone in cutting interest rates but rely on general European cuts, led by Germany, in order to put the stability of the franc ahead of domestic recovery. He said monetary convergence required even greater efforts at economic convergence.

One currency trader commented that the German Bundesbank's decision last Thursday to make no changes in key interest rates "has been digested, and the market realises that lower rates, which are inevitable in both France and Germany, will come slowly ... too slowly".

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, said that the French economy had probably reached the trough of recession, but he did not predict quick recovery. Private forecasters expect the French government to trim its official forecast that the economy will grow by 1.4 per cent next year.

French unemployment rose by a seasonally-adjusted 26,000 to a record 3.21 million in July. Unemployment is a tenth higher than in July 1992 and equivalent to a jobless rate of 11.7 per cent. But share prices rose to their third successive record in Paris. The CAC 40-share index gained 1 per cent to close at 2,205.67.

In a show of solidarity with France, Germany suggested the Blair House agreement on agricultural trade, the basis of new hopes for the trade talks, might not be sacrosanct.

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Japanese rail sale carries £10bn ticket

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BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

AS THE British Cabinet agonises over opposition to its plans to privatise railway services by franchise, Japan is showing that integrated railway companies can be profitable and popular, at least among investors.

JR East, the first of seven parts of the former Japan National Railway to be privatised, will be valued at £10 billion when half its shares are offered to the public this week. The shares are due to be listed on the Tokyo stock exchange in late October.

Japan National Railway Settlement, in which the seven companies' shares were vested in 1987, has set a price of 380,000 yen (£2,400) each for the 2 million shares on sale, based on a weighted average of bids in a tender auction. The proceeds will reduce huge debts, mainly due to the bullet train network, left with the settlement fund as part of the six-year privatisation plan.

Japanese investors have tended to over-price early privatisation issues. The first tranche of shares in NTT, the telephone utility, was made at prices that, though bettered in early trading, have not been seen for years.

JR East is, however, a profitable business. Net earnings last year were about £360 million, from total revenue of more than £12 billion. Like other railways in Japan, where there have always been smaller private operators, JR East is profiting from its associated property holdings.

These subsidise railway services, which are much more important relative to roads than in Britain. Like British railway companies in their heyday, Japanese railways also develop hotels, resorts and other attractions to which they can transport pasengers.

In 1987, the state-owned system was split into six regional passenger companies and one national freight operator. Within three years, staff numbers fell from 276,000 to about 200,000. Having been relieved of capital debts, the new operators were also encouraged, by tax incentives, to invest in modern rolling stock.

About a seventh of the total network was allowed to be closed unless government subsidies were replaced by local government and employers. Three less favoured operators on Japan's smaller islands were allowed state aid.

JR East, one of the most favoured, has invested in fully automated ticketing and train stopping systems as well as diversifying into department stores and ski resorts.

Lloyd's names can look Emily in the eye

BY OUR CITY STAFF

AMERICAN insurers are bracing themselves for heavy losses in the wake of Hurricane Emily, which was due to hit the coast of North Carolina today. But for once, Lloyd's of London names need not panic.

The London insurance market trimmed its exposure to catastrophe reinsurance in the wake of disasters such as Hurricane Hugo, which fueled losses of more than £2 billion in the 1989 Lloyd's underwriting year. Several British composite insurers have also cut their North American exposure.

More than 150,000 people were evacuated from north-eastern North Carolina yesterday as Hurricane Emily swept in from the Atlantic with winds gusting up to 85 miles per hour. Attention focused on the string of slender barrier islands off North Carolina.

In March, more than 100 people died when storms battered the eastern American seaboard.

The worst death toll came in 1988 when Hurricane Gilbert left 300 dead. The following year, Hurricane Hugo left 85 dead and inflicted heavy losses on Lloyd's. By the time Hurricane Andrew struck Florida in August 1992, Lloyd's had significantly reduced its exposure. By March 1993, Lloyd's had paid £620 million out of total Hurricane Andrew claims of close to £11 billion. The main losers were American insurance groups which were obliged to carry large risks.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Caroline Charles brings high style to the high street

Designer fashions chic trend at M&S

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

FAITHFUL followers of fashion who want to dress like the Princess of Wales might soon be able to sidestep Bond Street and slip down to their local Marks & Spencer store instead.

Claremont Garments, one of M&S's largest suppliers of women's clothing, has signed up Caroline Charles, the fashion designer, as a consultant.

Ms Charles, who has been at the forefront of British fashion since winning the Young Designer of the Year award in the sixties, lists Selina Scott, Shakira Caine, and Emma Thompson among her celebrity clients.

Peter Wiegand, the chairman of Claremont, welcomed the deal. "With customers demanding greater style, we are delighted to have Caroline Charles, who brings a unique design perspective and fashion experience, to assist us with the continuing development of our ranges."

The traditional mutual mistrust that exists between clothing manufacturers and fashion designers has broken down in recent years as recession has squeezed profits at the luxury end of the clothing market.

With several leading designers going to the wall, others have sought alternative sources of income.

Meanwhile, the manufacturers gain competitive advantage from an enhanced design capability. In a similar deal last year, Ally Capellino, the designer, linked with Coats Viyella.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Mikhalcisin-Kovalenko, Russia 1992. White has sacrificed a piece to tear a hole in the black kingside. Can you see his route to victory?



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For attractive travel packages from around the country to the Garry Kasparov-Nigel Short match, which starts on September 7 at the Savoy Theatre in London, ring Travelcoast on 081-744 9494.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TUNKET
a. Hell
b. An embroidery stitch
c. A New Guinea head man

BREDIE
a. A veg and meat stew
b. A small antelope
c. A Georgian hat

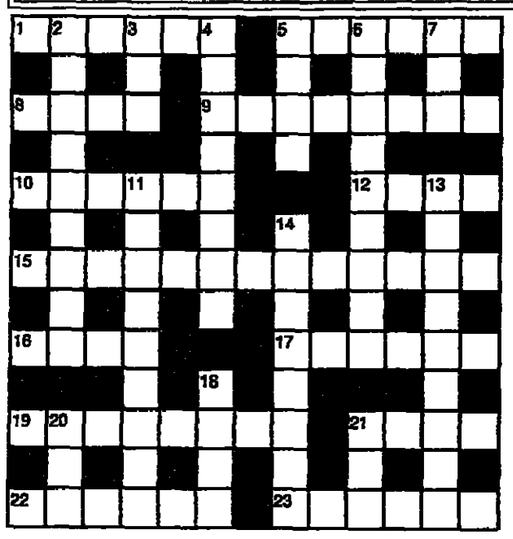
EMEUTE
a. The silent "e"
b. A popular rising
c. Strong emotion

POIKILITIC
a. Obsessively fastidious
b. Crystalline rock
c. Fussy about food

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ACROSS
1 Choir music (6)
5 Spread about (6)
8 Vomit (4)
9 Fragile (8)
10 Colic (6)
12 Evil habit (4)
15 Depressing helper (4,9)
16 Marsh (4)
17 Make esteemed (6)
19 Side-hinged window (8)
21 Coral ridge (4)
22 Soft yellow (6)
23 Godlike (6)

DOWN
2 Exaggeration (9)
3 Uncooked (3)
4 Subordinate event (8)
5 Window shelf (4)
6 Got back (9)
7 Clever thinking (3)
11 Ballet duo sequence (3,2,4)
13 Abdominal birth (9)
14 Deeply moved (8)
18 Eager (4)
20 Leather pierce (3)
21 Engine turn (3)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3186

ACROSS: 1 Hastings Banda 8 Thump 9 Scherzo 10 Ask 11 Needs 12 Epicene 14 Hotbed 16 Callow 20 Saracen 23 Remit 24 Two 25 Emperor 26 Phase 27 Two-edged sword

DOWN: 1 Hot on the scent 2 Student 3 Impasse 4 Gasket 5 Bahai 6 Nerve 7 At one's wits end 13 Col 15 Baa 17 Apropos 18 Lumbago 19 Untrue 21 Repro 22 Cured

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US dollar
1.4993 (-0.0107)
German mark
2.5019 (-0.0360)
Exchange index
80.8 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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